

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Public Meetings Input Summary 2009

Category	Summary of each Category	DDS Budget Proposal
Purchased Services - General	<p><i>Based on the input received for this category, the following comments were a common theme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Parents need to participate and take an active role in services provided to their children. ❖ Case management is critical to the support of the family and should not be diminished. ❖ Use of generic resources should be perused prior to accessing regional center funds, and parents should be held accountable. ❖ Families want to be made aware of how much their services cost. ❖ Service Coordinators and vendors should review identified services to review identified services to ensure that reductions or elimination is not warranted. ❖ Any legislative changes to control regional Center cost should be temporary and not permanent. ❖ Vendor should be held accountable for service delivery (attendance and improvement) ❖ Uniform provisions for service standards ❖ Caps on services 	
Purchased Services - Specific	<p><i>Based on the input received for this category, the following comments were a common theme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Transportation saving can be realized ❖ Amend Supported Living Service regulations to be more cost-effective ❖ If quality of service is improved there is a higher likelihood that parental share of cost would be embraced. ❖ Parents want to control service cuts based on their individualized IPP ❖ Respite and behavioral services are critical ❖ Generic resources such as EPSDT and Medi-Cal TARS should be more closely monitored to avoid regional center funding ❖ 3% reduction of respite across the board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Proposal #1 - Maximize transportation services ❖ Proposal #6 – Amend supported living services regulations
Federal Funding	<p><i>Based on the input received for this category, the following comments were a common theme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Access federal funding ❖ Add as many consumers on the Medicaid Waiver as possible 	
Parental Responsibility	<p><i>Based on the input received for this category, the following comments were a common theme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Parents of minors should pay share of cost for all services with a means test ❖ Mandatory parental participation in Early Start services ❖ Parents should volunteer to reduce costs 	
Eligibility	<p><i>Based on the input received for this category, the following comments were a common theme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ No elimination of 5th category ❖ Autism Spectrum Disorder criteria should be consistent across regional centers ❖ No redefinition of substantial disability 	

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	❖ Evaluations duplicated	
Inter-Departmental Cooperation	<i>Based on the input received for this category, the following comments were a common theme:</i> ❖ Increase collaboration through multiple agencies to reduce inefficiencies	
Systems' Changes	<i>Based on the input received for this category, the following comments were a common theme:</i> ❖ System-wide quality assurance ❖ Relax regulatory requirements to allow for increased ratios and number of consumers in a residence ❖ More AB637 proposals – promote creative solutions ❖ Major system reform ❖ **Consolidate Developmental Centers and Regional Centers	❖ Proposal #14 – Consolidate the quality assurance evaluation process
Miscellaneous	<i>Based on the input received for this category, the following comments were a common theme:</i> ❖ Reduce or split consumer day program schedules ❖ Increased opportunities for consumers to work ❖ Complete In-Home Support Services applications timely adjusting Independent Living Services, Supported Living Service, and respite Purchase of Service ❖ More flexibility regarding larger day and residential programs ❖ Consider financial penalties for lack of 24 hour cancellation notice (parents) ❖ Housing critically important as consumers age ❖ Caps on service delivery similar to Self Directed Service model ❖ Program audits to ensure fiscal accountability ❖ Improve communication between all stake holders ❖ Increase legislative advocacy ❖ Residency requirements ❖ Make resource list available so parents can assist with service delivery ❖ Increase Title 19 billing ❖ Assist in citizenship efforts in order for consumers to get jobs ❖ **Outstation case management to programs ❖ **Increase use of technology, including e-mail, video-conferencing (paperless) ❖ **Reduce or eliminate regional center administrative salaries, inclusive of a 3% cut across the board ❖ **Vendor billing on-line ❖ **Service Coordinator facility liaisons should have all the residence in the home and consolidate IPP's and Quarterlies (reduces number of Service Coordinator visits)	❖ Proposal #3 – Create a new service for seniors at a reduce rate with a corresponding increase in the staffing ratio ❖ Proposal #4 – Custom endeavors option (Custom Endeavors Options) increase consumer employment and volunteerism ❖ Proposal #5 – Ensure all eligible individuals access In-Home Supported Service hours before receiving Supported Living Services and limit regional center payments for like services

** Intent of public meetings was to gather recommendations for the \$100 million Purchase of Service savings to the system as directed by the legislature. Much of the discussion and comments received were related to Operation's savings and have been identified with a double ** - **North Los Angeles County Public Meeting dates: San Fernando Office-March 24th, Santa Clarita Office-March 26th, Desert Haven-March 31st, Sam's Café-April 1st.**