

Welcome Family /Caregivers!

Agenda:

- State Budget/Funding update: Ray Smith
- Introduction: Family Alliance Coordinator, Stacey Boydell
- Legal Director and founder for People With Disabilities Foundation, Steven Bruce

State Budget Update

State Funds use to represent close to 100% of the funding, now are about 80% for Half Moon Bay Program



A System In Crisis

- State froze provider rates over 10 years ago
- In the past 3 ½ years, 425 community care facilities have shut down
- Staffing levels have been cut dangerously thin
- Staff pay has been frozen and purchase power has not kept up with inflation: -20% loss
 - Many now work two jobs or have quit
 - Many have been forced out of their homes



The Lanterman Coalition supports across-the-board increases

- 20% rate increase would allow the system to get back to prior 10 year level
- Governors May revised budget provided no rate increase for People with Disabilities
- After an organized calling campaign by advocates through out state:
 - Assembly and Senate budget subcommittees both approved a 10% increase over two years
 - Budget conference committee has proposed a 5% increase over two years, governor rejected (6/16)



The Lanterman Coalition having an impact

- Assembly Member Melissa Melendez: It is certainly a community that deserves our attention. I think their funding levels have been abysmally low,
- Assembly Member Richard Bloom: Over the last few days I'm sure all of us all of us have received the volume of phone calls, but we are really aiming at the same goal - and that's to try and repair something that has been broken for some time."
- Senator Mark Leno: This issue of underfunding our infrastructure, of our community services for those individuals and families who deal with developmental disability is not a partisan issue, and we know it's our responsibility to help both individuals and families.
- Senator Ricardo Lara: There's no doubt in my mind that we have clearly devastated the funding for these regional centers and really impacted the lives of thousands.
- Assembly Member Shirley Weber: They have some serious issues about keeping good staff that's adequately paid... Because many of their staff are making almost min wage and yet have college degrees....
- Senator Leno: Let's remember that our community partners are literally doing the Lord's work and we have to be there for them.

Next Legislative Steps

- The budget agreement:
 - two special sessions of the legislature.
 - One will take on the Medi-Cal expenditures and DDS funding that the Legislature wanted.
 - The other will address transportation infrastructure which is beginning to fail.
- Lanterman Coalition
 - Keep pressure on big three: Kevin Leon (Senate Pres), Toni Atkins (assem speaker), Jerry Brown
 - Support Candlelight Vigils : #tag & San Jose on Friday

Issues with our System

- Advocates are remaining silent and not being heard
- Other groups are much more aggressive
- During one major effort only about 50 (34 from Hope Services) advocates (out of 400,000) provided input legislators
- We must all get involved and work harder to make our views known and heard



Half Moon Bay Program Deficit

- Hope receives \$ 89.12 per client per day from the State in the Half Moon Bay- Peninsula Diversified Network (\$71.61 daily rate and \$17.51 daily transportation rate.)
- Hope's cost are about \$110.25 per client per day.
- Our annual short fall per client comes to about \$5,216.64 per year. Annual program loss will be around \$125,304.



Amazing is all in a day's work.



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Half Moon Bay Program Deficit Update: Thank you Care Givers!

- State funding short fall is about 20%
- Our annual 2014 short fall per client was about \$5,216 per year.
- Through 11 months:
 - We had 11 HMB families give: \$38,825!
 - Per client deficit has been reduced to \$3,599
- The proposed budget would still be inadequate:
 - 5% legislative budget relief, \$4.56 day



Thank you to all the families that helped reduce this years deficit!

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Hope Services Response

- We need budget relief to retain our staff
- We will expand our business operations to help offset some of the state funding shortfall
 - Plan to expand our thrift store operations
 - Transition some work activity programs
- We have expanded our development team and have added fund raising efforts
 - Grant writers
 - Had three Major Events:
 - Celebrity Bartenders night Jan. 26
 - Cars and Cowboys August 1st
 - Hollywood nights Gala October 17th

Family Alliance Coordinator

Stacy Boydell

Family Engagement

- Family members should have the same expectations for their lives in the community as all others
- Hope wants to reconnect and re-engage families through our Hope Family Alliance (HFA)
- Family Coordinator has been tasked to establish the HFA

Hope Family Alliance

- **The Hope Family Alliance (HFA)** brings together the many concepts of family.
- **The Hope Family Alliance's** mission is to provide the vehicle to :
 - **Support**
 - Social opportunities
 - **Resources**
 - Speakers
 - **Advocacy**
 - Legislative News

Thanks for getting involved

And thank you to those that made
contributions!



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