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Dear Lavinia Johnson:

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) received Inland Regional Center's (IRC) calendar year 2022 Performance Contract year-end public meeting report on May 9, 2023.

In accordance with Welfare & Institutions (W&I) Code section 4629(f)(1), each regional center's governing board must hold one or more public meetings regarding its prior year's performance contract objectives and outcomes. The statute requires the regional centers to notify the Department, individuals, families, and community partners and post the notice of the meetings to its website at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

Additionally, regional centers must ensure that the meetings and meeting materials provide language access and are scheduled at times and locations that promote attendance by the public. Regional centers are also required to consider strategies to promote opportunities for public comment from diverse communities within their catchment area.

Furthermore, W&I Code section 4629(f)(2) requires each regional center's governing board to report to the Department regarding the outcomes of each public meeting within 90 days of the meeting. The report shall include, but shall not limited to both of the following:

- Copies of minutes from each meeting and comments obtained from other strategies utilized to provide opportunities for public comment from diverse language, racial, and ethnic communities.
- The regional center's recommendations and a plan to address areas where improvement is needed.

IRC's May 9, 2023, report confirms that the governing board held one public meeting regarding IRC's 2022 Performance Contract objectives and outcomes. The meeting was held on May 8, 2023. IRC's recommendations include a plan to address areas where improvement is needed including:

- Continue to hold multi-disciplinary review for placements in residential facilities over four beds.
- Supporting sub-acute children's facilities to offer high levels of care to children served.

- Have the Language Access and Cultural Competency team work collaboratively with community-based organizations to reduce linguistic and cultural barriers.
- Continue to analyze purchase of service data to identify areas in need of increased utilization to meet the need of underserved populations.
- Continue to assist families with obtaining services such as respite, behavior intervention, parent training, and crisis services.
- Continue to support coordination with generic services such as, In-Home Support Services, hospice services and telehealth when appropriate.
- Having the Employment Specialists provide outreach and community education on employment opportunities and support services.

The Department recognizes the efforts in meeting the requirements under W&I Code section 4629(f). If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Andrew McElhinney, Primary Regional Center Liaison, Office of Community Operations, at (916) 654-2241 or by email at Andrew.McElhinney@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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