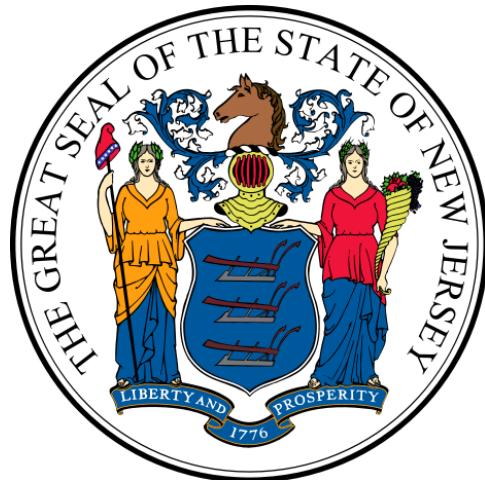


Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers

Final Report

**As Submitted to Governor Chris Christie
and
the New Jersey Legislature**



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Report of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers

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Executive Summary

The Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers (Task Force) was established pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 143, to perform a comprehensive evaluation of New Jersey's seven developmental centers (DCs) and set forth binding recommendations to the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the closure of one or more facilities. The Task Force was comprised of five members, including: three members appointed by the Governor, one member appointed upon the recommendation of the Senate President, and one member appointed upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly.

The Task Force conducted a thorough review of each developmental center pursuant to five specific criteria mandated in the enabling statute. The Task Force performed the evaluation process over the course of six months and during that time, the Task Force held nine public hearings, heard testimony from 49 stakeholders and representatives from applicable state Departments, toured each of the seven developmental centers as well as several community programs, and deliberated independently and collaboratively on the information received.

Upon weighing each of the five factors required by statute, the Task Force agreed that four centers should not be considered for closure at this time due, in part, to the operational needs of the Department of Human Services and the difficulty the Department of Human Services would have in replicating the services provided at these centers elsewhere in a cost effective way. Those centers include: Woodbine Developmental Center, New Lisbon Developmental Center, Hunterdon Developmental Center, and Green Brook Regional Center.

The Task Force evaluated the number of developmental centers that should be subject to closure and the timeframe for closure. Among the factors discussed was the system-wide declining census, the number of residents in each center whose Inter-disciplinary teams have recommended a move to community, and the readiness of provider agencies in each region to expand the community-based residential infrastructure to support residents leaving developmental centers.

Recognizing that the Department of Human Services had previously identified the closure of Vineland Developmental Center, the Task Force expressed concern that the provider infrastructure in that region was not as robust as in the northern part of the state and that closing Vineland may have a significant adverse impact on the local economy in Cumberland County, where the unemployment rate is already the highest in the State.

Following this deliberative process, on July 23, 2012, by a majority vote of 4-0-1, the Task Force recommended the closure of North Jersey Developmental Center followed by Woodbridge Developmental Center within the next five years. The Department of Human Services is now tasked by law with executing these recommendations as soon as practicable, in accordance with a schedule that considers, first, the residents of the

developmental centers identified for closure and, then, any appropriate operational concerns of the developmental centers and the community services system.

The following report summarizes the deliberations of the Task Force, information provided to the Task Force from interested stakeholders and the Department of Human Services, and the final, binding recommendation of the Task Force. In addition to the binding recommendation, this report also contains non-binding recommendations agreed upon by the Task Force for consideration by the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

On August 1, 2012, by a unanimous vote of 5-0, the Task Force approved the following report to communicate the aforementioned recommendations.

Introduction

The New Jersey Department of Human Services is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the State's seven developmental centers. The Developmental Centers are as follows:

- Green Brook Regional Center – Somerset County
- Hunterdon Developmental Center – Hunterdon County
- New Lisbon Developmental Center – Burlington County
- North Jersey Developmental Center – Passaic County
- Vineland Developmental Center – Cumberland County
- Woodbine Developmental Center – Cape May County
- Woodbridge Developmental Center – Middlesex County

Currently, New Jersey ranks 49th in the nation for institutionalization of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, per capita (per 100,000 people) and 50th in the nation for maintaining large, state-operated institutions.¹ Furthermore, the State operates more developmental centers than necessary to support a declining population. The census in New Jersey's developmental centers has steadily decreased over the last ten years. In fact, since 2007, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) within the Department of Human Services (DHS) has, in each fiscal year, been appropriated funds to advance its [Path to Progress](#), which represents the state's Olmstead Plan². These resources allowed for the expansion of community services and residential opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities, enabling a decreased census in the developmental centers. Between January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2011, a total of 204 individuals moved from developmental centers to the community through the Olmstead process. Of that number, 191 or 94% of those individuals successfully remain in the community. A reduced system-wide census and the need to increase community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities prompted the DDD to develop a 34 page Addendum to the Olmstead Path to Progress, entitled, "[Blueprint for the June 30, 2013 Closure of Vineland Developmental Center](#)" (Blueprint) which was released in May 2011.

The Blueprint was met with mixed reactions. Some families, self-advocates, service providers and advocacy organizations supported the plan, while some legislators, families and VDC employees were vehemently opposed. The Governor's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 budget contained language identifying Vineland Developmental Center (VDC) for closure by June 30, 2013. Subsequently, Senator Jeff Van Drew proposed legislation (S-2928) to establish a Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the closure of developmental centers in New Jersey. The bill was conditionally vetoed by the Governor, changing the membership of the Task Force and making the recommendations binding. The

¹ DAVID BRADDOCK ET AL., THE STATE OF THE STATES IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 2011, Department of Psychiatry and Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities, University of Colorado (2011). Note: The report ranks states and Washington, D.C. A large institution is defined to include a facility of 16 or more residents.

² *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999).

revised bill was approved by both Houses and signed into law on December 14, 2011, with near unanimous bipartisan support from both houses of the Legislature.

Pursuant to the authorizing statute, no sooner than 90 days, but no later than 180 days after organization, the Task Force was charged to set forth recommendations for the closure of one or more developmental centers in the state. The Department of Human Services must close each of the developmental centers identified by the Task Force as soon as practicable. Upon submission of the closure recommendations, the Task Force expires.

Task Force Composition

The Task Force was comprised of the following five members:

- Chair Craig A. Domalewski, Esq. – Gubernatorial Appointee
- Vice Chair Allison Murphy – Senate Appointee
- Colin M. Newman, Esq. – Gubernatorial Appointee
- Valessa Rocke Goehringer – Assembly Appointee
- Nancy R. Thaler – Gubernatorial Appointee

Public Hearings

The Task Force held nine public hearings and deliberated on information provided by families, self-advocates, expert witnesses, interested stakeholders, relevant Department representatives, and advocacy organizations. All hearings were held at the Department of Human Services. Additionally, members of the general public were invited by the Task Force to provide oral testimony on April 9, 2012. In total, 49 individuals provided testimony to the Task Force regarding the closure of developmental centers. The Task Force also permitted members of the general public to submit written testimony through mail.

The Task Force held the following public hearings:

Date:	Location:	Time:
February 13, 2012	Department of Human Services	9:45 am – 12:00 pm
February 27, 2012	Department of Human Services	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
March 26, 2012	Department of Human Services	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
April 2, 2012	Department of Human Services	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
April 9, 2012	Department of Human Services	11:00 am – 3:30 pm
April 30, 2012	Department of Human Services	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
June 18, 2012	Department of Human Services	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
July 23, 2012	Department of Human Services	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
August 1, 2012	Department of Human Services	10:30 am – 11:00 am

In addition to the above meetings, Task Force members broke into three groups and toured Developmental Centers and community residences on the following dates³:

Date:

February 27, 2012
March 5, 2012
March 13, 2012
March 19, 2012
March 26, 2012
April 26, 2012

Meetings were structured around discussion of the legislative factors prescribed by the enabling statute. Meeting minutes were provided to the Task Force members for review prior to the next scheduled hearing. Following an opportunity to request corrections or modifications, the minutes of the preceding hearing were approved by a majority vote. The meeting minutes are included as Appendix B.

Legislative Factors:

Pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 143, in order of importance the Task Force conducted a comprehensive evaluation of state developmental centers using the five guiding legislative criteria enumerated in the public law:

- the number of individuals with developmental disabilities residing in a developmental center who want or do not oppose, or if applicable, whose guardians want or do not oppose, community placement and whose interdisciplinary team have recommended such a placement;
- the present capacity of the community to provide and or develop specialized services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities or the time required to allow for the development of capacity to provide such specialized services;
- the operational needs of the Department of Human Services in meeting the range of needs and preferences of all affected individuals served by the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services;
- the economic impact on the community in which the developmental center is located if that center were to close; and
- the projected repair and maintenance costs of the developmental center as estimated by the Department of Human Services.

³ Note: On the dates that meetings were held the tours commenced following the conclusion of the meeting. Each tour group was escorted by a DHS or DDD staff person and no more than two Task Force members were grouped together.

Binding Recommendation

Pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 143, the Task Force was required to recommend the closure of one or more of New Jersey's seven developmental centers by a majority vote. After thoroughly considering the five legislative criteria, the Task Force, by a majority vote of 4-0-1⁴ approved the following closures and closure timeline:

The Task Force hereby issues its binding recommendation instructing the New Jersey Department of Human Services to develop and implement a plan to close North Jersey Developmental Center followed by Woodbridge Developmental Center within the next five years in accordance with a schedule that takes into account the needs of the residents of the developmental centers to be closed and the operational concerns of the developmental centers and the community services system. This recommendation shall not impede the Department's authority to manage and operate the Developmental Centers, including but not limited to, moving individuals and staff to other Developmental Centers or the community, as appropriate, during the closure process.

Non-Binding Recommendations

In addition to the aforementioned binding recommendations, the Task Force agreed to the following non-binding recommendations for consideration:

1. Develop plans for the closure of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center ensuring clarity regarding the process and timeframes contained in the binding recommendations.
2. Reinvest the full savings realized as the result of each closure to enhance or expand services and supports for individuals served by DDD including the community infrastructure to ensure the health, safety and quality of community living and care.
3. Make certain that: direct care personnel are adequately trained; a sufficient number of case managers are in place to plan and monitor services, and; clinical staff are available for behavioral and mental health services.
4. Designate sufficient quality assurance staff to assure the health and safety of individuals being moved from the developmental centers. This includes staff to conduct inspections, investigations and oversight of community programs utilizing information to measure performance to improve services and achieve positive, long-term outcomes.

⁴ July 23, 2012, Vote Count: Yes – Chair Craig Domalewski, Vice Chair Allison Murphy, Colin Newman, Nancy Thaler; No – None; Abstain – Valessa Goehringer.

5. Ensure that the transition of every resident is carefully planned by a team that includes individuals and their guardians (when appropriate), prioritizing the health and safety of the residents.
6. Utilize a person-centered process to plan for the transition of individuals to ensure that information is provided to them as well as guardians so they can make an informed choice regarding community living options and arrangements.
7. Continue vigilance at the existing Developmental Centers to ensure that quality care is maintained.
8. Continue to honor the right of residents at all the Developmental Centers to move to the community by offering them the opportunity if they so choose.
9. Honor the rights of residents to continue to live in a Developmental Center if they so choose.

APPENDIX

A

CHAPTER 143

AN ACT establishing the "Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers."

BE IT ENACTED by the *Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*:

1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
 - a. The closure of developmental centers advances New Jersey's efforts to comply with the decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999), which requires states to provide community living options and other supports to individuals with developmental disabilities who do not require or want institutionalized care;
 - b. Continuing New Jersey's commitment to providing individuals with developmental disabilities the ability to live in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs, consistent with the *Olmstead v. L.C.* decision, is critical to ensure a better quality of life;
 - c. It is our goal to reduce the number of developmental centers, while being consistent with federal Medicaid law, and that such centers shall be utilized primarily to provide specialty services for individuals with developmental disabilities who exhibit high-risk behaviors, have intense medical needs, or are court-ordered;
 - d. The State operates more developmental centers than necessary to support a declining population of individuals with developmental disabilities, which has decreased by approximately 1,200 individuals, or 33 percent, since 1998;
 - e. It is our goal to affirm the State's commitment to reducing reliance on institutional care, along with expanding community living options; and
 - f. It is important for the State to affirm its commitment to provide individuals with developmental disabilities who are institutionalized with the opportunity to live in the community, consistent with the *Olmstead v. L.C.* decision, and to realign fiscal, staffing, and operational resources to support community living.
2. There is established the "Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers." The task force shall perform a comprehensive evaluation of all of the State developmental centers and provide recommendations for the closing of developmental centers.
3. a. The task force shall be comprised of five members who shall be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of this act, as follows:
 - (1) three members appointed by the Governor;
 - (2) one public member appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate; and

(3) one public member appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly.

Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for the original appointments.

b. The task force shall organize within 30 days following the appointment of a majority of its members and shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the members.

c. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and within the limits of funds available to the task force.

d. The task force shall make recommendations by a majority vote of its members.

e. The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.

4. The task force shall perform a comprehensive evaluation of the State developmental centers, and set forth recommendations for the closure of developmental centers in the State. The recommendations, which shall be binding on the Department of Human Services, may provide for the closure of one or more developmental centers. The recommendations for closure of a developmental center shall consider the following criteria in order of importance:

a. the number of individuals with developmental disabilities residing in a developmental center who want or do not oppose, or if applicable, whose guardians want or do not oppose, community placement and whose interdisciplinary teams have recommended such a placement;

b. the present capacity of the community to provide or develop specialized services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities or the time required to allow for the development of the capacity to provide such specialized services;

c. the operational needs of the Department of Human Services in meeting the range of needs and preferences of all affected individuals served by the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services;

d. the economic impact on the community in which the developmental center is located if that center were to close; and

e. the projected repair and maintenance costs of the developmental center as estimated by the Department of Human Services.

5. No sooner than 90 days but not later than 180 days after the task force organizes, the task force shall submit its closure recommendations, including, if applicable, a targeted date for closure of each developmental center recommended for closure, and make such other recommendations as the task force deems appropriate, to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).

6. a. If applicable, the Department of Human Services shall close each of the developmental centers recommended by the task force as soon as practicable in accordance with a schedule that takes into account the needs of the residents of any developmental center to be closed and any appropriate operational concerns of the developmental centers and the community services system.

b. Nothing in this act shall limit the commissioner's authority pursuant to R.S.30:1-12 or the discretion to take the actions authorized by sections 1 and 2 of P.L.1996, c.150 (C.30:1-7.3 and C.30:1-7.4), as the commissioner may deem appropriate.

7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon the submission by the task force of its closure recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature or 180 days after the task force organizes, whichever is sooner.

Approved December 14, 2011.

APPENDIX

B

INTRA-AGENCY ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers

2-13-2012 Meeting Minutes

Adopted by the Committee 2-27-2012

The first meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 9:45 a.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee

Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee

Valessa Goehringer, Assembly

Appointee

Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Introduction:

DHS Commissioner Velez welcomed those in attendance and led introductions. Commissioner Velez thanked the Task Force members for their service and announced that Barbara Booth, of the DDD Office of Program Support, will be the staff liaison for the Task Force gathering requested materials and taking minutes.

Open Public Meetings Act:

Elena Flynn, DHS Legal Director, explained that the Task Force will be required to follow the Open Public Meetings Act and reviewed the requirements with the group.

Committee Organization:

Colin Newman nominated Craig Domalewski as Chairperson. Valessa Goehringer seconded the motion. The members unanimously voted for Craig Domalewski as the Chairperson and he accepted the nomination. Valessa Goehringer nominated Allison Murphy as Vice-Chairperson. Nancy Thaler seconded the motion. The members unanimously voted for Allison Murphy as Vice-Chairperson and she accepted the nomination.

Documents Provided:

Task Force members were provided two documents:

- Overview of New Jersey's Developmental Centers (DCs)
- Economic Forecast for counties where DCs are located

Discussion:

Factors from the legislation to be considered by the Task Force were reviewed.

Task Force members unanimously agreed to make every effort to complete their review and develop recommendations in 90 days.

Task Force members agreed that they should have the opportunity to visit all seven DCs. (See attached schedule for dates and times.)

- The Task Force requested legal advice on whether visits to the DCs would be permitted under the Open Public Meetings Act, and how such visits may be conducted.

-A protocol was requested to ensure tours are consistent at each DC.

-A schedule for DC tours was developed and will include at least one visit to a community residence.

Senator Van Drew arrived and gave a brief presentation on the Task Force's charge.

Documents Requested:

Department of Health Survey results for the last three years where an Immediate Jeopardy was declared or a DC was found to be out of Substantial compliance with a Condition of Participation.

Summary of United States Department of Justice involvement at New Lisbon DC and Woodbridge DC.

Substantiated incidents of abuse, neglect and exploitation per capita at each DC since January 1, 2011.

Geographic Preference for individuals residing in DCs.

The number of Bureau of Guardianship Services guardians and private guardians at each DC.

For the last 2 years by DC:

- the number of admissions from the community;
- the number of discharges to the community;
- the number of transfers from one DC to another DC.

The number of individuals at each DC who are unable to communicate either verbally or via gesture.

It was requested by the Task Force that these documents be provided prior to the next meeting.

Meeting Schedule:

Dates were set for the next two meetings.

Task Force members agreed that targeted constituent groups will be invited to future meetings to provide public testimony. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chairperson Domalewski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Allison Murphy seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.

Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on February 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Capital Place One.
Submitted By:	Barbara Booth, DDD Office of Program Support

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
2-27-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members 3-26-2012

The second meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee
Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee
Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee
Valessa Goehringer, Assembly Appointee

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Craig Domalewski, Chairperson as follows:

"I hereby call to order the February 27, 2012 meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. This is a formal meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, NJSA § 10:4-6 et seq., of the State of New Jersey entitled, "Open Public Meetings Act." Notice was sent to the Secretary of State, who posted the notice in a public place. Notices were published in the Star Ledger, Trenton Times and Camden Courier-Post. The notice was also published on the New Jersey Department of Human Services website and the Department of Human Services' Facebook page. This statement hereby serves as the "statements in minutes of meeting on adequate notice" in compliance with NJSA § 10:4-10."

Roll Call
Barbara Booth conducted a Roll Call as follows: Craig Domalewski, Allison Murphy, Valessa Goehringer, Colin Newman, and Nancy Thaler. All responded in the affirmative.

Adopting of Minutes:
Allison Murphy moved to adopt the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Colin Newman seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Documents Provided:
Task Force members were provided the following documents in advance: of the meeting:
- Department of Health Survey results for the last three years where an Immediate Jeopardy was declared or a DC was found

to be out of substantial compliance with a Condition of Participation.

- Summary of United States Department of Justice involvement at New Lisbon DC and Woodbridge DC.
- Percentage of substantiated incidents of abuse, neglect and exploitation at each DC since January 1, 2011.
- Geographic Preference for individuals residing in DCs.
- The number of Bureau of Guardianship Services guardians and private guardians at each DC.
- For the last 2 years by DC the number of transfers from one DC to another DC.
- The number of individuals at each DC who are unable to communicate verbally.

Discussion:

Valessa Goehringer requested that the Task Force move to impose a moratorium on future moves from DCs until the Task Force renders their recommendations. It was agreed by the other members that this was beyond the scope of the Task Force.

The revised schedule for the Task Force which outlined meetings and tours through March 26, 2012 was distributed to the members. Gerald Hughes, DAG explained the necessity for the schedule changes.

Factors from the legislation to be considered by the Task Force were again Reviewed by the Task Force members.

Information Requested:

Division Circular regarding Transfers to Other Developmental Centers.

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) report on individuals residing in DCs.

The ambulation ability of individuals residing at each DC by percent related to census.

The number of Full Time staff at each DC and the county where they reside.

Life After North Princeton – Final Outcomes

The number of individuals who would move to the community where the closing DC is located.

Economic Development that occurred following the closure of other DCs and psychiatric hospitals both in and out of New Jersey.

Any known desire for the land where a DC currently exists.

The geographic preference for Olmstead eligible individuals by DC.

Percentage of the total budget dedicated to staffing in DCs and community residences.

The average number of people per month for 2011 that are currently living in the community and receiving services at a DC including the type of service received.

The average number of people per month for 2011 that received respite services at a DC.

Meeting Schedule: Dates for tours to DCs and Community Residences were finalized.

Dates for Constituent Groups to present testimony to the Task Force were set as was a date for an Open Public Forum.

Vice Chairperson Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Valessa Goehringer seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on March 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Capital Place One.

Submitted By: Barbara Booth, DDD Office of Program Support

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
3-26-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members 4-2-2012

The third meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee
Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee
Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee
Valessa Goehringer, Assembly Appointee

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Craig Domalewski, Chairperson as follows:

"I hereby call to order the March 26, 2012 meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. This is a formal meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, NJSA § 10:4-6 et seq., of the State of New Jersey entitled, 'Open Public Meetings Act.' Notice was sent to the Secretary of State, who posted the notice in a public place. Notices were published in the Star Ledger, Trenton Times and Camden Courier-Post. The notice was also published on the New Jersey Department of Human Services website and the Department of Human Services' Facebook page. This statement hereby serves as the 'statements in minutes of meeting on adequate notice' in compliance with NJSA § 10:4-10."

Roll Call Barbara Booth conducted a Roll Call as follows: Craig Domalewski, Allison Murphy, Valessa Goehringer, Colin Newman, and Nancy Thaler. All responded in the affirmative.

Adopting of Minutes: Allison Murphy moved to adopt the minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Valessa Goehringer seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Colin Newman addressed the audience and thanked them for their attendance. He explained that the Task Force members take their charge very seriously and are visiting all seven developmental centers along with group homes to assist them in reaching a conclusion.

Documents

Task Force members were provided the following documents:

- Updated Department of Health Survey results for the last three years where an Immediate Jeopardy was declared or a DC was found to be out of substantial compliance with a Condition of Participation.
- Updated Geographic Preference data to reflect the number of Olmstead eligible individuals who would move to the community where the closing DC is located.
- The ambulation and communication ability of individuals residing at each DC by percent related to census.
- The average number of people per month for 2011 that are currently living in the community and receiving services at a DC including the type of service received.
- The average number of people per month for 2011 that received respite services at a DC.
- The number of Full Time staff at each DC and the county where they reside.
- Percentage of the total budget dedicated to staffing in DCs and community residences.
- DC Infrastructure Costs FY 2013 – FY 2015
- Division Circular regarding Transfers to Other Developmental Centers.
- Quality Enhancement Procedure #17 – “Inter-Developmental Center Transfers
- New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) report on individuals residing in DCs.
- Life After North Princeton – Final Outcomes

The Task Force had requested information on economic development that occurred following the closure of other DCs and psychiatric hospitals both in and out of New Jersey. The only information available is provided in the Life After North Princeton report that was provided and the leasing of the The Learning Center on Vineland Developmental Center's now closed West Campus which has been leased to a private school.

The Task Force also requested information about any known desire for the land where a DC is currently located. It was shared with the Task Force that no information was available as developers typically would not approach the State regarding a property if there was no indication that the property was or would become available.

Panel Presentations:

Panel 1- Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities:

John Seifried, Olmstead Project Manager
LeeAnn Zawatcki, Program Assistant, New Lisbon Developmental Center
Jessica Anastasi, Chief, Bureau of Guardianship Services
Sara Sylvestri, Quality Assurance Specialist, North Jersey Developmental Center

Panel 2 – DC Family Associations

Joanne St. Amand, Woodbridge Family Association President
James Mastropolo, New Lisbon Family Association
Caroline Conkling, North Jersey Family Association
Phillip Metta, Green Brook Family Association President
Vito Colletti, Vineland Family Association
Delores Thomas, Woodbine Family Association
Cindy Bartman, Hunterdon Family Association

Panel 3 – Olmstead Families and Consumers

Anthony Williams, New Lisbon Consumer
Anna Sottille, Green Brook Consumer
John Gallagher, Parent of Vineland Consumer
Rose Gallagher, Parent of Vineland Consumer
Deborah Legutko, Parent of Hunterdon Consumer

Meeting Conclusion:

Vice Chairperson Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Valessa Goehringer seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on April 2, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Capital Place One.

Submitted By:

Barbara Booth, DDD Office of Program Support

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
4-2-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members 4-9-2012

The fourth meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee
Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee
Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee
Valessa Goehringer, Assembly Appointee

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Craig Domalewski, Chairperson as follows:

"I hereby call to order the April 2, 2012 meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. This is a formal meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, NJSA § 10:4-6 et seq., of the State of New Jersey entitled, 'Open Public Meetings Act.' Notice was sent to the Secretary of State, who posted the notice in a public place. Notices were published in the Star Ledger, Trenton Times and Camden Courier-Post. The notice was also published on the New Jersey Department of Human Services website and the Department of Human Services' Facebook page. This statement hereby serves as the "statements in minutes of meeting on adequate notice" in compliance with NJSA § 10:4-10."

Roll Call Barbara Booth conducted a Roll Call as follows: Craig Domalewski, Allison Murphy, Nancy Thaler and Valessa Goehringer. All responded in the affirmative. Colin Newman arrived shortly after the roll call.

Adopting of Minutes: Allison Murphy moved to adopt the minutes of the March 26, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Nancy Thaler seconded the motion. Members voted 4 to 0 in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Documents Task Force members were provided the following documents:

- Copies of all correspondence received by individual Task Force members or DHS/DDD staff from interested constituents
- Copies of all testimony to be heard at the April 2, 2012 meeting.

Panel Presentations:	<p>Panel 1- Provider Associations:</p> <p>Thomas Baffuto, The Arc of NJ Executive Director Laura Williams, Executive Director, The Arc of Ocean County Kim Todd, CEO NJACP Patti Carlesimo, Executive Director Ladacin Network Carmine Marchionda, Executive Director Spectrum for Living Dr. John Winer, NJACP</p>
	<p>Panel 2 – Self Advocacy Groups</p> <p>Kate Blisard, Seeking Ways Out Together Darlene Larue, Seeking Ways Out Together Gary Rubin, Self-Advocacy Network Kim Coll, GO Team Todd Emmons, Self-Advocacy Network</p>
	<p>Panel 3 – Federally Mandated DD Agencies</p> <p>Joseph B. Young, Executive Director Disability Rights NJ Alison Lozano, Executive Director DD Council Deborah Spitalnik, Executive Director of the Boggs Center</p>
Meeting Conclusion:	Vice Chairperson Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Colin Newman seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.
Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on April 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Capital Place One, followed by open public testimony beginning at 2:30 p.m.
Submitted By:	Barbara Booth, DDD Office of Program Support

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
4-9-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members on April 30, 2012

The fifth meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee
Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee
Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee
Valessa Goehringer, Assembly Appointee

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Craig Domalewski, Chairperson as follows:

“I hereby call to order the April 9, 2012 meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. This is a formal meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers.”

Notice Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, NJSA § 10:4-6 et seq., of the State of New Jersey entitled, ‘Open Public Meetings Act.’ Notice was sent to the Secretary of State, who posted the notice in a public place. Notices were published in the Star Ledger, Trenton Times and Camden Courier-Post. The notice was also published on the New Jersey Department of Human Services Facebook page. This statement hereby serves as the “statements in minutes of meeting on adequate notice” in compliance with NJSA § 10:4-10.

Roll Call Barbara Booth conducted a Roll Call as follows: Craig Domalewski, Allison Murphy, Colin Newman, Nancy Thaler and Valessa Goehringer. All responded in the affirmative.

Adopting of Minutes Nancy Thaler moved to adopt the minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Allison Murphy seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Documents Task Force members were provided the following documents:

-Copies of all correspondence received by individual Task Force members or DHS/DDD staff from interested constituents

-Copies of all testimony to be heard at the April 9, 2012 meeting.

Panel Presentations	<p>Panel 1- Economic Forecast:</p> <p>Jennifer Cleary, Senior Research Manager, John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey</p> <p>Charles Richmond, Deputy Commissioner NJ Department of Community Affairs</p> <p>Caren Franzini, CEO, NJ Economic Development Authority</p>
	<p>Panel 2 - Unions</p> <p>Carolyn Wade, President, CWA, Local 1040</p> <p>Sherryl Gordon, Executive Director, AFSCME, Council 1</p> <p>Gerald Newsome, Vice President, IPFTE, Local 195</p>
	<p>Panel 3 – DHS</p> <p>Katherine Fling, Director, Office of Project Management and Construction</p>
Open Public Testimony	<p>After a brief break, the Task Force began hearing testimony from anyone interested in presenting. Below are those individuals who provided remarks in order of their presentation:</p> <p>Robert Jones, GO Team President and New Lisbon Developmental Center (NLDC) resident</p> <p>Senator Jeff Van Drew, Legislative District 1</p> <p>Leonard Polizzi, Parent of Hunterdon Developmental Center (HDC) resident</p> <p>Elaine Ferguson, Vice President HDC Family Association,</p> <p>Peter Banos, Brother of Woodbridge Developmental Center (WBDC) resident</p> <p>William Cahill, Brother of HDC resident</p> <p>Joseph Falca, Brother of WBDC resident</p> <p>Geoffrey Dobrowsky, Uncle of HDC resident, VOR representative</p> <p>William Testa, The Arc of Morris</p> <p>Peg Kinsell, Statewide Parent Advocacy Network</p> <p>Kathryn McGill, Parent of WBDC resident</p> <p>Joanne St. Amand, President WBDC Parents Association</p>
Meeting Discussion	<p>There was a brief discussion regarding the procedure to analyze and process the information the Task Force has gathered thus far. Clarification was requested from the Attorney General's Office related to the process for developing the draft report.</p>
Meeting Conclusion	<p>Vice Chairperson Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Valessa Goehringen seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on April 30, 2012</p>

Capital Place One, Conference Room 100, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted By Barbara Booth, DDD Office of Program Support

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
4-30-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members 6-18-2012

The sixth meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee
Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee
Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee
Valessa Goehringer, Assembly Appointee

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Craig Domalewski, Chairperson, as follows:

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Roll Call Barbara Booth conducted a Roll Call as follows: Craig Domalewski, Allison Murphy, Colin Newman, Valessa Goehringer and Nancy Thaler. All responded in the affirmative.

Adopting of Minutes Allison Murphy moved to adopt the minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Nancy Thaler seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Documents Task Force members were provided the following documents:

-Copies of all correspondence/documents received by individual Task Force members or DHS/DDD staff from interested constituents.

**Meeting
Discussion**

The focus of the meeting was to determine how the Task Force should proceed and whether there was a need for additional information prior to deciding on each of the five factors included in the Statute. Each Factor was examined individually and the following information was requested:

Factor A – The number of individuals with developmental disabilities residing in a developmental center who want or do not oppose, or if applicable, whose guardians want or do not oppose community placement and whose interdisciplinary teams have recommended such a placement.

1. Updated summary of the survey conducted by Joanne St. Amand, Woodbridge Family Association President.

Factor B – The present capacity of the community to provide or develop specialized services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities or the time required to allow for the development of the capacity to provide such specialized services.

1. Pace and success of recent community placements to include number of people moved.
2. Number of community placements that the Division of Developmental Disabilities can manage in a given period of time successfully.

Factor C – The operational needs of the Department of Human Services in meeting the range of needs and preferences of all affected individuals served by the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services.

1. The impact on the DHS/DDD. For each developmental center the significant State functions that would have to be relocated and what it would take/cost to make that happen, if available.
2. The infrastructure that would be necessary to manage the increase of community residences in areas such as:
 - a. Quality Assurance;
 - b. Program Oversight;
 - c. Investigations;
 - d. Training;
 - e. Licensing;
 - f. Professionals; and

g. Case Managers

3. The declining census and projections for future fiscal years to determine the number of developmental centers that are needed.
4. The Task Force also requested that relevant staff from DHS be available should questions arise at the next meeting related to the documents provided.

Factor D – The economic impact on the community in which the developmental center is located if that center were to close.

1. Employment potential in adjacent counties to where DCs are located.
2. Attrition rates for the last 5 years.
3. The opportunity for affected employees to fill vacancies at other DCs.
4. Number of employees eligible for retirement.
5. Counties where employees from each DC reside and potential employment opportunities in those counties (focused on where the majority of employees reside).
6. Potential job growth associated with a closure as well as job loss.

Factor E – The projected repair and maintenance costs of the developmental center as estimated by the Department of Human Services.

No information requested.

The Task Force also requested that DHS/DDD begin drafting the Introduction portion of the report to include background information. The draft introduction will be reviewed by the members for comment.

The Task Force requested to receive all information listed above no later than Friday, June 1, 2012.

Meeting Conclusion

Vice Chairperson Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Valessa Goehringen seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on June 18, 2012

Capital Place One, Conference Room 100, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted By Barbara Booth, DDD Office of Program Support

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
6-18-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members 7-23-2012

The seventh meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee
Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee
Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee
Valessa Goehringer, Assembly Appointee

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Craig Domalewski, Chairperson, as follows:

"I hereby call to order the June 18, 2012 meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. This is a formal meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers."

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Roll Call Barbara Booth conducted a Roll Call as follows: Craig Domalewski, Allison Murphy, Nancy Thaler, Valessa Goehringer and Colin Newman. All responded in the affirmative.

Adopting of Minutes Allison Murphy moved to adopt the minutes of the April 30, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Nancy Thaler seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Documents Task Force members were provided the following documents prior to or at the meeting:

- Residential Choice Survey Letter dated April 24, 2012 from Joanne St. Amand.
- Summary of information requested regarding Factors C & D from the Task Force legislation
- Revised Overview of Developmental Centers further explaining Operational Needs of the Department of Human Services related to each DC.
- Department of Health Survey Results
 - The number of Division of Developmental Disabilities employees eligible to retire (age 55 or greater with 25 years of State service).
- Department of Human Services employee attrition rates.
- Full-time DC employees by county of residence.
- Number of admissions to DCs 2005 to present.
- Detailed DC Census FY 2008 to present and projections for FY 13 and FY 14.
- Declining DC Census beginning 12/31/01 through present.
- Pace and Success of Olmstead Placements.
- Community Services Waiting List data.
- Economic Forecast for all counties in New Jersey.
- News Paper Articles entitled:
 - Human Services Firm Hiring; plans job fair, Daily Journal, May 18, 2012
 - South Jersey tops nation in jobless rate, but sees employment grow in first quarter,
 - Job fair hires dozens for health-services field, Daily Journal, May 22, 2012
 - New health center planned in V'land, Daily Journal, May 2, 2012
- Copies of all correspondence/documents received by individual Task Force members or DHS/DDD staff from interested constituents.

Meeting Discussion

Task Force members were informed that DHS and Medicaid employees were available in the audience to answer any outstanding questions related to the documents provided. In attendance was:

Dawn Apgar, Deputy Commissioner;
Patricia Howell, Assistant Director for Developmental Centers;
Shawn McInerney, Assistant Director for Community Services;
Katherine Fling, Director, Office of Property Management and Construction, and
Karen Brodsky, Chief of Managed Care Contracting.

The focus of the meeting was to ensure that the members have the information necessary for each of the five factors included in the Statute to proceed with deliberations and decision making. Questions raised by the members were addressed and necessitated revision and re-issuance of the following documents:

-Revised Overview of Developmental Centers further explaining Operational Needs of the Department of Human Services related to each DC to include:

- the number of two story buildings at North Jersey DC and the number of residents living in those buildings, and
- the number of residents living in the two “Step Down” units and in the Moderate Security Unit at New Lisbon DC.

-Department of Health Survey Results as the heading for the columns was hidden which raised confusion for the members.

The following additional information was requested to be provided to the members prior to the next Task Force meeting:

-Department of Health reports related to the complaint surveys conducted at Vineland Developmental Center in February 2012 and June 2012.

-The number of employees that will be eligible to retire effective April 30, 2013 and April 30, 2014.

-DRAFT Introduction portion of the report to include background information. Comments will be provided to Barbara Booth prior to or at the next meeting.

Meeting Conclusion

Colin Newman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Allison Murphy seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the Task Force scheduled for July 2, 2012 was cancelled due to a number of scheduling conflicts. The next meeting of the Task Force will take place on July 23, 2012 at Capital Place One, Conference Room 100, beginning at 11:00 a.m. An additional meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted By Barbara Booth, DDD Office of Program Support

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Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
7-23-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members August 1, 2012

The eighth meeting of the Task Force was convened on Monday, July 23, 2012. The meeting was delayed from its original start time of 11:00 a.m. and convened at 12:00 p.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee
Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee
Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee
Valessa Goehringer, Assembly Appointee

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Craig Domalewski, Chairperson, as follows:

“I hereby call to order the July 23, 2012 meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. This is a formal meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers.”

Notice

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Roll Call

Barbara Booth conducted a Roll Call as follows: Craig Domalewski, Allison Murphy, Nancy Thaler, Valessa Goehringer and Colin Newman. All responded in the affirmative.

Adopting of Minutes

Colin Newman moved to adopt the minutes of the June 18, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Allison Murphy seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Documents

Task Force members were provided the following documents prior to or at the meeting:

-Revised Overview of Developmental Centers further explaining Operational Needs of the Department of Human Services related to each DC to include:

- the number of two story buildings at North Jersey DC and the number of residents living in those buildings, and
- the number of residents living in the two “Step Down” units and in the Moderate Security Unit at New Lisbon DC.

-Department of Health Survey Results as the heading for the columns was hidden which raised confusion for the members.

-Department of Health reports related to the complaint surveys conducted at Vineland Developmental Center in February 2012 and June 2012.

-The number of employees that will be eligible to retire effective April 30, 2013 and April 30, 2014.

Meeting Discussion

Task Force members spent the meeting deliberating on the five factors identified in the legislation, voting on binding recommendations pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 143, and approving non-binding recommendations to be included in the final report to the Governor and Legislature. The Task Force completed a comprehensive review of all developmental centers which included meetings, receiving testimony, visiting all seven developmental centers and a number of community residences, and extensive fact finding. Chair Craig Domalewski reviewed the legislative factors and the requirement in the statute that a majority vote – not unanimous – was necessary to close at least one developmental center.

Upon weighing each of the five factors, the Task Force unanimously agreed that four centers should not be considered for closure at this time due, in part, to the operational needs of the Department of Human Services and the difficulty the Department of Human Services would have in replicating the services provided at these centers elsewhere in a cost effective way. Those centers include: Woodbine Developmental Center, New Lisbon Developmental Center, Hunterdon Developmental Center, and Green Brook Regional Center.

The Task Force next discussed the number of developmental centers that should be subject to closure and the timeframe for closure. Among the factors discussed was the system-wide declining census, the number of

residents in each center whose Inter-disciplinary teams have recommended a move to community, and the readiness of provider agencies in each region to expand the community-based residential infrastructure to support residents leaving developmental centers.

Recognizing that the Department of Human Services had previously identified the closure of Vineland Developmental Center, the Task Force expressed concern that the provider infrastructure in that region was not as robust as in the northern part of the state and that closing Vineland may have a significant adverse impact on the local economy in Cumberland County, where the unemployment rate is already the highest in the State.

During the discussion, some Task Force members asserted that the State should close additional centers in the long term to keep pace with national trends. The Task Force members agreed that the Department of Human Services should carry out the closure recommendations within five years. The Task Force agreed that ensuring the health, safety and well-being of center residents was most important and discussion continued on whether to issue a binding recommendation for the closure of two developmental centers at this time. The Task Force voted 4-0-1 to issue the recommendation for the closure of two developmental centers. The tally on whether to issue recommendations to close two developmental centers was as follows: voting yes – Chair Craig Domalewski, Vice Chair Alison Murphy, Colin Newman, Nancy Thaler. Valessa Goehringer abstained.

Vote on Binding Recommendation

Allison Murphy made a formal motion for a vote to issue binding recommendations directing the Department of Human Services to close North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center, within five years. Colin Newman seconded the motion and a vote on the motion was taken. Voting yes to approve the motion: Allison Murphy Nancy Thaler, Colin Murphy and Craig Domalewski. Valessa Goehringer abstained. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-1 and the binding recommendation will be made as a part of the report to the Governor and Legislature.

The Task Force also agreed on non-binding recommendations to be included in the final report. The non-binding recommendations are as follows:

1. Develop plans for the closure of North Jersey DC and Woodbridge DC ensuring clarity regarding the process and timeframes contained in the binding recommendations.
2. Reinvest the full savings as the result of each closure to enhance or expand the community infrastructure of services and supports to ensure the health, safety and quality of community living and care.

3. Make certain that: direct care personnel are adequately trained; a sufficient number of case managers are in place to plan and monitor services, and; clinical staff are available for behavioral and mental health services
4. Designate sufficient quality assurance staff to assure the health and safety of individuals being moved from the developmental centers, This includes staff to conduct inspections, investigations and oversight of community programs utilizing information to measure performance in order to improve services and achieve outcomes.
5. Ensure that the transition of every resident is carefully planned by a team that includes individuals and their guardians (when appropriate) prioritizing the health and safety of the residents.
6. Utilize a person-centered process to plan for the transition of individuals to ensure that information is provided to them as well as guardians so they can make an informed choice regarding community living options and arrangements.
7. Continue vigilance at the existing Developmental Centers to ensure that quality care is maintained.
8. Continue to honor the right of residents at all Developmental Centers to move to the community by offering them the opportunity, if they so choose.
9. Honor the rights of residents to continue to live in a Developmental Center if they so choose.

Meeting Conclusion

Colin Newman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Allison Murphy seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for August 1, 2012 at Capital Place One, Conference Room 100, and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted By

Barbara Booth, DDD Office of Program Support

ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, DELIBERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
Governor's Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers
8-1-2012 Meeting Minutes
Adopted by the Task Force Members August 2, 2012

The final meeting of the Task Force was convened on Wednesday, August 1, 2012. The meeting was delayed from its original start time of 10:00 a.m. and convened at 10:30 a.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Allison Murphy, Senate Appointee
Colin Newman, Governor's Appointee
Nancy Thaler, Governor's Appointee

Craig Domalewski, Governor's Appointee
Valessa Goehringer, Assembly Appointee

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Craig Domalewski, Chairperson, as follows:

“I hereby call to order the August 1, 2012 meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers. This is a formal meeting of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers.”

Notice

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Roll Call

Barbara Booth conducted a Roll Call as follows: Craig Domalewski, Nancy Thaler, Allison Murphy, Valessa Goehringer and Colin Newman. All responded in the affirmative.

Adopting of Minutes

Allison Murphy moved to adopt the minutes of the July 23, 2012 meeting prepared by Barbara Booth. Nancy Thaler seconded the motion. All members unanimously voted in favor of adopting the minutes with no alterations.

Documents	Task Force members were provided the following documents prior to or at the meeting: -Draft Task Force Report
Meeting Discussion	Chairman Domalewski explained that the purpose of the meeting was to finalize the DRAFT report of the Task Force. Members were asked if any additional revisions were recommended. Chairman Domalewski recommended two changes to the language of the binding recommendation. All other members agreed with the change. Allison Murphy moved to adopt the report. The motion was seconded by Nancy Thaler. The Task Force voted unanimously to adopt the report with the inclusion of the minutes from this meeting. The DRAFT report will be sent to the members for one final technical review prior to being sent to the Governor and Legislature. Once sent, the report will be made available to the public on the Department of Human Services website. It was agreed by the Task Force that documents provided would be assigned a custodian at the Department of Human Services. Chairman Domalewski thanked those in attendance for coming.
Meeting Conclusion	Allison Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Thaler seconded the motion. The members unanimously approved.
Submitted By	Barbara Booth, DDD Office of Program Support

APPENDIX

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April 1, 2012

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