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Dear Mr. Burton, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Shorter:

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS), in consultation with the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), has reviewed the Bay Area Housing Plan (BAHP) as submitted by your respective regional centers and has determined that it satisfies requirements as set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), Section 4688.5. DDS is therefore granting approval of the BAHP.

As a condition of approval, DDS will require that the Regional Center Steering Committee, as constituted under the BAHP, provide to DDS on a monthly basis, the following information: (1) a listing of all properties acquired in the prior month, (2) the address of each property, (3) the cost of each property, (4) the square footage of any residential structures on the property, (5) the size of any lot that is purchased with the intent to build on it, (6) estimated construction and/or renovation costs for each property before construction and/or renovation begins, and (7) any estimated cost overrun exceeding ten percent (10%) or more of the estimated property/ construction costs.

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Additionally, and subsequent to the review and concurrence of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee with the proposed expenditure plan (Enclosure 1), DDS will allocate \$11.115M from the Fiscal Year 2004/05 Expenditure Plan (reappropriated to Current Year 2005/06) to San Andreas Regional Center in its upcoming contract amendment (B-2) in December 2005. These funds are to be used to facilitate the development of housing for current residents of Agnews Developmental Center as described in the BAHP. For reference, a copy of the approved BAHP overview is enclosed (Enclosure 2).

The approved BAHP is the culmination of remarkable private-public collaboration between the three Bay Area regional centers, Charles Gardner of The Hallmark Group, participating Bay Area non-profit housing organizations, CalHFA, HCD, and others. The BAHP is truly "groundbreaking" as it establishes, for the first time in this State, a blueprint for the acquisition, construction, and management of a permanent housing stock for use by individuals with developmental disabilities – now and in the future. DDS extends its appreciation for the hard work, dedication, and diligence demonstrated by everyone involved, and congratulations upon achievement of this milestone.

Sincerely,

JULIA MULLEN, Deputy Director
Community Services and Supports Division

Enclosures

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