

LTCIP Stakeholders,

In lieu of our quarterly stakeholder meeting, I would like to invite you to attend the Community Living Listening Session. Bring your ideas and recommendations to this listening session and don't forget to share all of the wonderful solutions that San Diego has implemented to improve access to housing, community supports, and independent living arrangements for persons with disabilities. This is our opportunity to showcase what we have accomplished over the years.

Please note, attendance will be limited to the first 75 registrants and to no more than one individual per organization so please RSVP to Cindy Vogel quickly at 858-514-4652 or cindy.vogel@sdcounty.ca.gov if you would like to attend.

Thank You,

Brenda Schmitthenner



AN INVITATION TO A COMMUNITY LIVING LISTENING SESSION

On June 22, 2009, the 10th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision in the case of *Olmstead v. L.C.*, President Barack Obama launched "The Year of Community Living." In response, the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) committed to work together to identify and promote ways to improve access to housing, community supports, and independent living arrangements for individuals with disabilities. In support of the President's commemoration of the *Olmstead* decision, Secretary Sebelius launched *The Community Living Initiative*.

You are invited to attend a "listening session" with government officials and other critical stakeholders to help develop/refine policies and practices to improve community living options for individuals with disabilities and seniors, and to provide the government with information useful to achieving the goals of the Initiative. In attendance will be key HHS agencies and offices, including: the Office on Disability (OD); the Office of the Assistant

Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE); the Administration for Children & Families (ACF); the Administration on Aging (AoA); the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); and the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). We understand that housing is a critical component of efforts to promote community living, and are working with HUD to identify key housing stakeholders to participate in the session. You are encouraged to bring materials on your organization and/or activities that might assist the government in supporting *The Community Living Initiative*.

The listening session will be held:

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Location: Windsor Room, Town and Country Resort & Convention
Center

500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108

Due to space limitations, attendance will be limited to the first 75 registrants and to no more than one individual per organization. To RSVP, please contact Cindy Vogel at Aging and Independence Services, a division of the San Diego County Health & Human Services Agency, at 858-514-4652 or Cindy.Vogel@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Henry Claypool

Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Disability

The Community Living Initiative is a Federal effort organized by the Office on Disability to mobilize agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services and across other Departments to create a productive collaboration with a broad array of partners to ensure people with disabilities and seniors have new opportunities to enhance their status as valued members of their communities.