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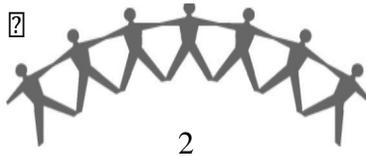
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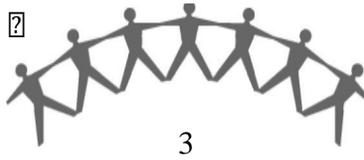
- The next General Meeting will be on June 8, 2019, at the Hanna Boys Center, 17000 Arnold Dr., Sonoma, CA 95476 from 10:00 AM to Noon.

The June 2019 General Membership Meeting will feature speakers from the specialized mental health clinic in Alameda County (East Bay Regional Center) that serves individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness, the Sonoma County medical clinic, and an expert in dental services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

We will also have an opportunity to discuss the upcoming annual Meeting and election of Board members and officers in September.

We hope to see you there as we continue to support critical work together.

- General Meeting, September 14, 2019, 10:00AM to Noon



KATHLEEN MILLER
Co-President's Message

WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW?

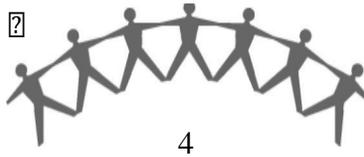
It may seem quiet and peaceful to those who have family who have successfully transitioned to community settings. Some of you may ask yourselves why stay involved with PHA. Despite that we saw many of our members at the annual legislative meeting in March. At that meeting we heard from some that things were going well. The Santa Rosa clinic was in full swing and the vision for specialized care for our folks in the Santa Rosa area was becoming a reality. However, we also heard about a number of ongoing concerns. So let's take a moment to review some of what is happening and some of the outstanding issues.

The planning process for what will happen to the SDC property is now beginning for real! There will be a very public forum on June 15th for any who are interested in what the future of SDC might look like. It will be held at the Hanna Boys Center from 9am to noon. Plan to attend and give your input!

June 8th at 10:00 AM will be the next general meeting for PHA. It will also be at the Hanna Boys Center. The focus will be different aspects of health care. Issues of mental health will be touched on. There will also be discussion on dental care which is a major concern for those in the disabled community. This meeting is a must for those who have disabled family members!

The documentary that PHA has sponsored is now complete. The next step is to get the best venue in Sonoma and get the word out on when the first viewing will be shown. The film includes many different views of the closure but the emphasis is on those who have lived at SDC and of their stories. The title is "True Humans" which should give an idea of the documentary's main focus. It is an exciting development and I look forward on seeing it with all of you.

Work is progressing on the cemetery. A group consisting of members from the Historical Society, PHA, a local forum, former SDC staff, and the parks who will may be responsible for the site has convened to set goals. We will be meeting with DDS to discuss the design of a memorial, as well as other issues in early June.



Some of us will be meeting with DDS to discuss a number of ongoing concerns. Topics for possible changes will include lacks in dental care (especially for those who require anesthesia sedation), lacks in health care for disabled populations in other areas outside of Sonoma, review of transition deaths, problems in the SLS model, and lack of respite for families electing to keep their disabled loved ones at home.

There is much happening right now that affects the future of the SDC site and the system of care for the disabled, particularly for those with serious medical and behavioral challenges. Stay tuned and stay involved!

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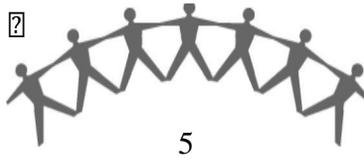
Kathleen Miller

Karen Moen, PHA Co-President

All of our family members have now left Sonoma Developmental Center except for those still living onsite at the STAR program. The land is healing itself after the terrible fires of October 2017 and our family members are beginning to adjust to new lives in new communities.

Now more than ever, it is important that we stay in touch with one another. We all need to continue to support PHA as it expands its focus and mission to include all individuals with severe developmental disabilities living throughout northern California. We need, also, to continue to advocate for our own family members knowing that we stand together with other family members and supporters who continue to believe that individuals with developmental disabilities are important members of our communities and worthy of respect.

As we move forward, we know that need for appropriate medical and mental health care will continue as will the need for specialized dental services (including anesthesia dental services). We now have a model for specialized religious services for our family members and for other community residents with developmental disabilities but the model needs to be replicated in counties throughout the region. In addition, we need to explore models for enhanced day services including expanded employment options for those who can work if properly supported in their efforts as they once were at Sonoma Developmental Center.



In the next few months, you will hear from board members and others who live in your county or regional center area. We plan to begin a series of regional center specific meetings that will bring PHA members together in their home counties as we work to create local advocacy networks.

Our goal is to continue working with the Department of Developmental Services and our legislative leader but we also need to build the county and regional center networks that will be critical to our work in the future. We hope you will continue to stay involved, attend our membership meetings, and share information so that, together, we can create and support a bright future for our loved ones and their peers in new homes and in new communities.

Karen Moen, PHA, Co-President

Memberships:

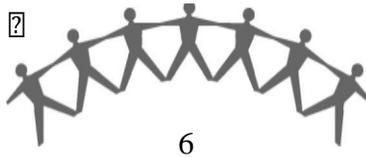
Time to renew your 2019 PHA membership now

Just a reminder that it is time to renew your 2019 PHA membership, if you have not already done so. The membership form is on the following pages or at <http://parenthospitalassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-PHA-Membership-Form.pdf>

All membership forms and fees should be mailed to Ms. Beverly Austin, PHA, 2683 17th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. Your \$25 individual or \$30 family membership fee helps support the work of PHA.

Thank you!

Karen Moen, PHA Co-President



PHA MEMBERSHIP FORM

For membership January 1–December 31, 2019

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MAIL DUES AND DONATIONS TO:

Beverly Austin
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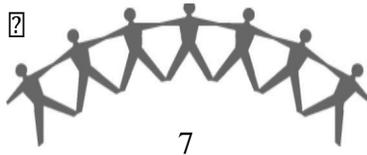
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Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Would you consider being on the PHA Board: Yes No

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