



NEWSLETTER

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FFF MEETING

FFF meetings are open to everyone, including Fairview employees!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Large Classroom in Administration Building

Featuring

Dr. Sienna Go

Medical Director of Fairview Developmental Center

Dr. Sienna Go is a familiar face to many families, as she has cared for the Fairview residents for about a dozen years. Dr. Go has worked in the Acute, Nursing, and Intermediate Care areas of Fairview, and served on multiple medical committees before becoming the Medical Director of Fairview in March of 2013.

Dr. Go trained at the University of California at Irvine, and completed her Family Medicine residency program there. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine, and has more than 20 years of experience in various hospital and clinical settings, including Fairview. Dr. Go's exceptional clinical skills, along with her dedication to the Fairview residents, are greatly appreciated.

This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the quality health care provided by the Fairview Medical Staff with Dr. Sienna Go. Don't miss it!

Fairview Delights and Refreshes!

Fairview Developmental Center recently hosted some members of Area Board 10, the State Council, and the DCs Task Force for a day-long tour of the Center and of Harbor Village. This was the first DC visit for some guests. All were delighted with the tour and had great praise for Fairview, its staff and programs, and for Harbor Village. One of the highlights of the tour was a stop at the Farm, where everyone enjoyed this refreshing drink made by Fairview residents from some of the produce they have grown.

2 ½ Gallons of Water

1 medium sized cucumber (sliced)

A quarter sized ginger root (sliced finely)

9 pieces of mint leaves (crushed for full flavor)

2 medium sized lemons (sliced—you can also use any kind of citrus such as oranges or limes)

Let all ingredients soak for a couple of hours to enjoy the full flavor.

Serve chilled. Cheers!

Harbor Regional Center and Hop Hearings

Harbor Regional Center is an independent non-profit agency, like all Regional Centers, which has contracts with DDS to coordinate services for people with developmental disabilities, including those at Fairview and other DCs. Harbor Regional Center has announced that they will no longer participate in the Hop hearings for Fairview residents that would be heard in Orange County Superior Court. This decision was a major topic of concern at the July FFF meeting, as it may open questions about the placement of some Harbor RC residents at Fairview. FFF has been in close communication with DDS about this issue. Patricia Flannery, Deputy Director of Developmental Centers, shared this information with FFF:

The Department of Developmental Services and Harbor Regional Center have had discussions regarding the concerns that were raised at the Fairview Family & Friends meeting. The Deputy Directors for the Community Services Division and the Developmental Centers Division and the Harbor Regional Center Director will be meeting to further the discussion which will include a review of the current status of each resident at Fairview currently served by Harbor RC. The Department will provide follow-up to the FFF after the discussions have been held.

FFF Welcomes E.D. Cheryl Bright and Fairview Staff

Cheryl Bright, newly appointed Executive Director of Fairview Developmental Center, was warmly welcomed by families attending the July 13 FFF meeting. Cheryl shared that her mother worked at a Pennsylvania developmental center, and would bring residents to their home to join in family activities. Her mother told her that the residents were entitled to a quality of life such as she had. This had a significant impact on Cheryl, who has had a full career in serving individuals with disabilities. Several members of Fairview staff also attended the meeting and spoke about their work with the residents, and gave information about the different programs and services that Fairview provides. Our thanks to Cheryl Bright; Carol Naylor-Pecson, Interim Clinical Director; Dan Murray, Coordinator of Central Nursing Services; Dr. Sienna Go, Medical Director; Analynn DePerio, Acting Central Program Services Director; Cheryl Scates, Program 3 Director; Debbie Osgan, Program 4 Assistant Director; Greg DePerio, Unit Supervisor, Res. 216 (Representing Program 2 Director). Your presence and participation in the FFF meeting was greatly appreciated!

FAIR HEARINGS

The Fair Hearing Process is part of the Lanterman Act that gives ALL Regional Center clients (including Fairview residents/conservators and community-based clients) a method to resolve disagreements with Fairview or with Regional Centers. The disagreement can be about IPP services, eligibility, or any decisions or actions that the client or their representative may consider “illegal, discriminatory, or not in their best interests.” This may include placement decisions by Regional Centers. There are 3 steps to the Fair Hearing Process:

1. **Voluntary Informal Meeting** is between the resident/conservator and the Fairview DC or Regional Center Director or representative. An attempt will be made at this meeting to resolve the disagreement. This first step may be declined by resident/ conservator, and a Mediation meeting requested.

2. **Mediation** is an informal meeting with a professional mediator from the Office of Administrative Hearings, a state agency for “fair and independent resolution of administrative matters.” However, the DC and Regional Center may decline to participate in mediation, or mediation may not resolve the problem. A Fair Hearing is then scheduled.

3. **Fair Hearings** are a formal review of the disagreement conducted by an Administrative Law Judge. If a resident/conservator wishes to bring a disagreement to a Fair Hearing, the process is started by filling out the Fair Hearing Request form. This form, and additional information on the Fair Hearing process, is available at Fairview DC, all Regional Centers, at http://www.dds.ca.gov/Complaints/complnt_fh.cfm, and from the FFF office at (714) 751-2344.

CANDIDATES WELCOME FOR THE 2015 FFF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The deadline for nominations to serve on the 2015 FFF Board of Directors is **DECEMBER 31, 2014**.

This deadline also applies to nominating Directors from the current Board to serve in 2015.

Individuals may nominate themselves. Please send names of nominees in writing to: **MIKE POWELL**,
Chair of the 2015 Nominating Committee, 2024 South Loara Street, Anaheim, CA 92802

Future of the Developmental Centers Task Force

Some of the recommendations of this Task Force were included in the Governor's budget and signed into law, including developing New Models of Care for Challenging Behaviors; Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes; Community Crisis Homes; Acute Crisis Units at Sonoma and Fairview DCs; Community State Staff Program; and DC Resident Transition Planning. Several organizations (including FFF and CASHPCR) are part of a workgroup providing input on these proposals. Written comments from the public are also welcome. More information is at <http://www.dds.ca.gov/publicforums> or the FFF office at (714) 751-2344.

The full Task Force (with representation from Fairview and other DCs) was reconvened in July to "examine services for the developmentally disabled in the community. The Task Force will develop recommendations to strengthen the community system in the context of a growing and aging population, resource constraints, availability of community resources to meet the specialized needs of clients,." Although the focus of this Task Force is not directly on DC residents, its progress will have a direct effect on DC clients who are placed in the community. Representatives from Fairview and other Developmental Centers are on this Task Force.

Brent Snyder Fairview Resident Remembered by Family and Friends

Brent Snyder came to Fairview about 16 years ago, where he blossomed and grew among friends, family and staff. He passed away suddenly in early July, when he was enjoying an outing on the Fairview grounds. Inspired by their love for Brent and pride in his accomplishments, his family has had a long and remarkable history of advocacy for people with developmental disabilities, across many states, many decades, and many programs. Brent's influence has improved services for countless individuals. The Snyder family has continued to share their commitment to individuals like Brent, by requesting donations in his honor be made to Fairview Families and Friends. To date, more than \$1,500 has been donated to FFF to improve the quality of life for other Fairview residents. We are very grateful to the Snyder family for remembering the Fairview residents, and for sharing the story of their son Brent with us. Please read more about Brent at www.fairviewfamiliesandfriends.org.

FFF MEETING DATES FOR 2014!

September 14

November 16

FAIRVIEW DC POPULATION (4 Year View):

311 - July 2014; 342 - June 2013; 374 - June 2012; 397 - June 2011

Conference on SELF-DETERMINATION Friday November 7 - Saturday November 8

The Self-Determination Program allows consumers and their families to have more control and flexibility over the services they need. If you are interested in this voluntary and innovative program, this conference will have all the information you will need. <http://www.autismla.org/>

FOR ASSISTANCE ON IPP's & PLACEMENTS – Call JOE PRESTON at (714) 203-1001!

***Help FFF help the Fairview Residents through the Annual Fundraiser and Raffle
(And enjoy yourself at the same time!) Save the Date – Sunday, November 16***

All money raised goes to Fairview residents!

"Help enrich FDC's residents' lives materially, emotionally, and spiritually by extending to the residents additional benefits that may be beyond Fairview's budget."

You will soon receive your Fundraiser raffle tickets – \$2.00 per ticket. Please set a goal of selling or purchasing these tickets! **IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS - CALL OUR FFF OFFICE (714-751-2344)!**

- FILL IN INFORMATION NEEDED ON THE STUB - PLEASE HAVE PURCHASER **PRINT** NAME & ADDRESS! (We need to be able to read the winner's names!) OR, use a self-adhesive mailing label with name & address.
- BE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS A LEGIBLE PHONE NUMBER ON EACH TICKET STUB!
- ENCLOSE COMPLETED STUBS AND THE CASH/MONEY-ORDER FOR THE QUANTITY OF STUBS

In addition to ticket sales, FFF will gladly accept any donations above and beyond your ticket sales!

First Prize \$500 cash

Second Prizes \$50 cash (2) Third Prize \$50 Gas Card

OTHER PRIZES

IHOP Gift Card (1) Beautiful Handmade Article \$50 Walmart Cards (2)

\$50.00 Target Gift Cards (2) CC Observer Emergency Radio (A.M & Weather Band)

WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT – LUCKY WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED AND PRIZE DELIVERY ARRANGED!

Winning tickets will be drawn at the Fundraiser Gala Luncheon, Sunday, November 16th!

CALL FOR DOOR PRIZES FOR NOVEMBER 16th FUNDRAISER DRAWING!!

Let's make every attendee a winner! Can you donate an item as a door prize for the Fundraiser drawing?

Such as gift certificates for lodging, restaurants, or entertainment; books, foods, tools, art or craft objects, CDs, DVDs, travel accessories, kitchen appliances, phone Cards, photo accessories, **Call LEX WELLS at 1 (858) 676-6776.**

FFF Membership

We are approaching the last quarter of 2014 – not too late to join or to renew your membership in Fairview Families and Friends if you have not yet done so! Thank you to those who have already responded!

Fairview Families and Friends was organized many years ago to support the families and the residents of Fairview Developmental Center. FFF does this in many ways:

FFF holds six general meetings a year, with speakers from the DDS, Directors of Regional Centers, attorneys for Fairview residents, and Fairview staff. Information you need is presented at each meeting!

FFF collects and distributes vital information to families on conservatorships, Hop hearings, legislation, Center activities, IPP hearings, and many other activities important to the residents of Fairview.

FFF provides an IPP Committee of experienced and knowledgeable members of our Board to assist and advise families on the IPPs for their loved ones.

The FFF newsletter 6 yearly issues connects families, Fairview staff, legislators, RC personnel, disability and legal advocates, DDS personnel, and many others across the state.

FFF Board members serve in key disability organizations—including VOR, CASHPCR, Regional Center Boards, Area Board 11, Governor's Advisories Boards, the Olmstead Commission, and others.

FFF supports the residents of Fairview with an annual monetary gift used by the Fairview programs to enhance the lives of the residents. This money is raised by donations and a prize raffle

Join Fairview Families and Friends and help us to help our residents and families!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please use the Membership Form below to enroll in FFF or renew your existing membership in FFF for 2014. Indicate your choice of membership by placing your (X) below.

CHOICE OF MEMBERSHIP DONATION

- () Individual Membership Donation.....\$25.00
() Family Membership Donation.....\$35.00

Note: A Family Membership covers ALL Family Members residing at the same address.

() I want an Individual Membership. My check for: \$25.00 is enclosed.

() We want a Family Membership. Our check for: \$35.00 is enclosed.

I would also like to make an additional donation of \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Note: If you are sending both your membership dues and an additional donation, you may use one check to cover both of these items.

Please make all checks payable to Fairview Families and Friends, Inc.
Fairview Families and Friends is a Non-Profit Corporation.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME(S): 1) _____ (2) _____

3) _____ (4) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME #: _____ WORK #: _____

FAX #: _____ E MAIL: _____

Relationship to developmentally disabled person: _____

Disabled person resides at Home: ____ Fairview: ____ Private Facility: ____

Other State Facility: _____ Community Facility: _____

Other: _____

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