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Press Statement

Inland Regional Center Targeting January 4 to Re-Open Buildings

IRC Remains Open, Operating Remotely

San Bernardino, Calif. – Dec. 16, 2016 – Inland Regional Center (IRC) has targeted Monday, January 4, 2016 as the official date to re-occupy Buildings 1 and 2 on IRC's main campus on South Waterman Avenue in San Bernardino, California. Building 3, which was the location of the terrorist shooting that took place on Dec. 2, will remain closed indefinitely.

Approximately 350 iPads are being configured and distributed to employees to allow them to access their email, voice mail and required records and other client based information remotely. The consumer service coordinators are continuing to do as much work as they can in the field, and the addition of the iPads will greatly increase their ability to service their consumers.

In addition, a core group of staff has been assembled to manage financial and administrative operations from an off-site location. While there was a minor delay in payments to some vendors, most payments have now been made. Any remaining payments will be remitted as scheduled by Dec. 21. Payroll was not interrupted.

"The outpouring of support has been tremendous. Our immediate community, the Association of Regional Centers Agencies (ARCA), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in Sacramento, and the 20 other regional centers from around the state have offered help and assistance which was invaluable," said Lavinia Johnson, Executive Director of IRC. "As our community continues to grieve, we're moving ahead to ensure that our more than 30,000 consumers receive needed services and support during the holidays."

Earlier this week, IRC officials completed a walk-through of Buildings 1 and 2 to evaluate the damage. Repair work has begun and will be completed shortly.

Consumers needing specific information about their services may continue to call or email their consumer services coordinators, who are returning to work and will be responding to missed calls, voice mails and emails.

About the Inland Regional Center:

The Inland Regional Center is an independent, non-profit agency that services more than 30,000 people in the San Bernardino area that have developmental disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and intellectual disability (ID). As the largest of the 21 regional centers throughout the state, IRC helps obtain services and support that encourages independence, inclusion and empowerment for both children and adults throughout the area. For more information visit www.inlandrc.org