PSA/Press Release

for

Redwood Coast Regional Center

1116 Airport Park Blvd., Ukiah, CA 95482 - 707-462-3832. Fax: 707-462-3314 Public Meeting Announcement by Redwood Coast Regional Center

In data submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on March 10, 2022, RCRC did not meet required caseload ratios in four areas: 1) the ratio for persons served enrolled on the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (a ratio of 1:78 was reported and the required ratio is 1:62); 2) for persons served who have moved from the developmental centers to the community and have lived in the community over 24 months (a ratio of 1:65 was reported and the required ratio is 1:62); 3) for persons served who have moved from the developmental centers to the community and have lived in the community between 12 and 24 months (a ratio of 1:80 was reported and the required ratio is 1:45) and 4) for persons served who have not moved from the developmental centers to the community since April 14, 1993, and who are not under the age of three nor on the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (a ratio of 1:85 was reported and the required ratio is 1:66).

Section 4640.6 (f) of the W&I Code requires that a plan of correction be developed by a regional center that does not comply with the caseload ratio requirements for two consecutive reporting periods. Our plan of Corrective Action will be developed following input from the state council, local organizations representing persons served, family members, regional center employees, service providers, and other interested parties. Redwood Coast Regional Center will receive additional allocation funding in 2022-2023 that will help meet these statutory requirements. RCRC will continue to advocate, at every possible opportunity, for funding that would enable us to meet required ratios and provide more responsive, person centered service coordination to the individuals and families we serve.

In accordance with Section 4640.6(g)(1) of the W&I Code, your input is requested. Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC) will host a public discussion and request input from the community regarding a Caseload Ratio Plan of Corrective Action to address these areas that RCRC did not meet the required caseload ratios as well as gather input to address how the regional center allocates new positions funded through the additional allocation.

The public discussion will be held during the RCDSC Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. This will be a blended meeting (in person or by Zoom Video/Teleconferencing and AT&T Teleconference).

<u>In person:</u> Harbor Lite Lodge Conference room at 120 North Harbor Drive in Fort Bragg, CA at 9:00 a.m.

Zoom: https://zoom.us/i/98889971624?pwd=M09KbllpR0QvcU5zdzM0MEppcDZIZz09

Meeting ID: 988 8997 1624

Passcode: 285677

Dial by telephone by Zoom:

1 669 900 6833

AT&T Teleconference:

888-278-0296 Access Code: 7928387

If you are not able to attend this meeting in person, you may forward written input via email at ratio.input@redwoodcoastrc.org. The deadline for written input is Monday, May 16, 2022.