State of California

Health and Human Services

Department of Rehabilitation

Quality Location Development Committee (QLDC) Meeting  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

In attendance:

QLDC members (by Zoom): Paul Patche II, Joni Patche, Jerry Gann, Michael Hatch

DOR staff (by Zoom): Michael Thomas, Susanna Bishop, Colleen Bowden, Emma Godinez, Kelly Snow, Luis Rodriguez, Matt Buller, Jennifer Wilbon

Members of the public (by Zoom): Michael Davis

Meeting Notes

Welcome and roll call

The Chair welcomed attendees, conducted a roll call, and reviewed the rules. The chair announced Daniel Salinas as the newest committee member.

Waivers

Department comments and questions

* The department presented two waivers, the RCD Courthouse and Van Nuys Superior Courthouse.
* No eligible vendors applied for the Van Nuys Superior Courthouse location.
* The Van Nuys location was also re-announced without the cafeteria. Some interests came in; however, just for operating the vending.
* Discussed the Van Nuys location not doing well prior to the pandemic. Also discussed the numbers at this location, what the foot traffic was like, and provided other information and input about this location; not a viable location.

Committee members comments and questions

* Described the RCD Courthouse as being small and the equipment being old. Explained that the layout is poor, not visible to the public, and mentioned this location would not be a wise investment. The

recommendation is to pass on this waiver.

* Asked if a survey or analysis had been done on the Van Nuys location.

Motion: Michael Hatch moved a motion to waive the RCD courthouse location. The motion was seconded by Joni Patche.

Vote: Michael Hatch, yes. Joni Patche, yes. Jerry Gann, yes. Paul Patche, yes. The motion passed.

Motion: Joni Patche moved a motion to waive the cafeteria portion of the Van Nuys Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Jerry Gann.

Vote: Michael Hatch, yes. Joni Patche, yes. Jerry Gann, yes. Paul Patche, yes. The motion passed.

Updates on Interim Locations

Department comments and questions

* BEP is working on an update for Folsom Prison and how that will be announced in the future.
* Making sure the department understands the needs of each location and if there are any changes. Everything is being evaluated.
* The department is exploring options with Folsom and Sacramento prisons as there has been damage due to flooding. The department is thinking about combining the two locations.
* Would like the entire BEP program to be consistent.

Committee members comments and questions

* Asked if Folsom Prison would be on the interim list again?
* Are the two prisons (Folsom and Sacramento) going to be combined?
* Provided an example about Chowchilla Prison, shared thoughts and concerns and discussed looking at the MORs; is the location making money?
* Would also like to see consistency with the BEP program and suggested adding vendors to future meetings to get their perspective.

Current Pending Announcements and Upcoming Interviews

Department comments and questions

* All of the current announcements have interview dates. Sierra Conservation and Mule Creek are tomorrow. All locations/interviews have been set up through the month of May, hoping to get vendors in facilities.
* Briefly discussed how many vendors expressed an interest at specific locations.
* The Ironwood State Prison selection has been held and currently waiting the 3-day period.

Committee members comments questions

* Asked how many vendors expressed an interest.

Public comments and questions

* Requested updates regarding Westley and Turlock roadside rests.

Prospective New Locations and Opportunities

Committee members comments and questions

* Shared that the area of developing new locations is important such as going after state colleges. Suggested going after CSU Northridge first and explained the reason for choosing this university first.
* Would like to look at other opportunities such as franchises in the future.

Working taskforces

Committee members comments and questions:

* Would like to break down the QLDC committee into four different taskforce groups, to include looking at: waivers, evaluating new locations, evaluating current locations including VMU’s, and a team to look at announcements.
* Asked for clarification regarding the taskforces and suggested creating one or two taskforces right now instead of four.
* A taskforce to look at waivers and interim locations will be created for now with Paul Patche addressing waivers and Michael Hatch addressing interim locations.

Open Forum

No topics were brought forward during open forum.

Adjournment

Michael Hatch moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jerry Gann. The meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.