State of California

Health and Human Services

Department of Rehabilitation

Quality Location Development Committee (QLDC) Meeting  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

In attendance:

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

DOR staff (by Zoom): Michael Thomas, Kelly Snow, Susanna Bishop, Matt Buller, Jennifer Wilbon, Ryne Myers, Melissa Solorio

Members of the public (by Zoom): Michael Davis, Daniel Salinas, Denise Hudson-Mendoza

Meeting Notes

Welcome and roll call

The Chair welcomed attendees, conducted a roll call, and reviewed the rules.

Waivers

Members and BEP staff discussed upcoming waivers.

Department comments and questions

* Two waivers presented, Fresno Superior Courthouse and the new Modesto Superior Courthouse.
* The Fresno Superior Courthouse has a food space available. The reason for the waiver is due to the location being in the basement. Vending operated in that location in the past; the vending machines were removed due to the location. VMU is in there.
* The new Modesto Superior Courthouse is projected to open April 2025 (currently under construction). Unsure if it this location will be profitable. $2000 a month is what is projected and vending would increase it by $500 - $600 per month. Unsure if location is profitable, unsure of whether to invest. Waiving food space.
* The Modesto Courthouse waiver starts when the building is completed. It is a 5-year waiver from the open date.
* Written in all waiver language: if changes are going to be made to a location, the location must contact the department first.

Committee members comments and questions

* A member shared visiting the Fresno Superior Courthouse location and not being impressed.
* Suggested getting figures from VMU in the future when looking at waiving locations.

Public members comments and questions

* Suggested keeping the Modesto Courthouse location as vending

if it would be a cheaper investment.

Motion: Steve Alford moved a motion to waive food services at the Fresno Superior Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Michael Hatch.

Vote: Michael, yes. Steve, yes. Joni, yes. Jerry, yes. The motion passed.

Motion: Jerry Gann moved a motion to waive food services at the new Modesto Superior Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Michael Hatch.

Vote: Jerry, yes. Michael, yes. Joni, yes. Steve, no. The motion passed.

Updates on Interim Locations

Members discussed the status of new and pending facilities that are on a six-month interim list.

Department comments and questions

* No new information regarding Norco or Chowchilla prisons.

Committee members comments and questions

* Would like to see all prisons listed on future agendas for discussion.

Current Pending Announcements and Upcoming Interviews

Members received an update from staff and discussed pending facility announcements and interviews.

Department comments and questions

* Location 891 EPA, satellite building, closed over the weekend. Interviews to occur by the end of next week.
* Location 813 Turlock/Westley Roadside Rest is an interim location. Four applications received. Closed on Monday.
* Location 1025 Valley Wells, closes 10/15/23. The vendor resigned; trying to get a new vendor for this location.

Prospective New Locations and Opportunities

Committee members comments and questions

* Would like to receive updates on what the department is working on.

Department comments and questions

* Several locations are being worked on. Discussed locations and expected dates of occupancy.
* Will look into Whitewater rest area.
* Will ask the Navy about providing services and getting a space on the base.

Committee members comments and questions

* Asked if Whitewater rest area has been assessed?
* Discussed a trailer that is affecting a vendor in a San Diego location.
* Would like to know if there is an open location with the Navy in San Diego?
* Discussion took place regarding improving communication with other agencies and within the department.

Open Forum

The Committee and members of the public had the opportunity to suggest agenda items for the next meeting.

Committee members comments and questions

* Would like to discuss the San Diego Federal building at the next QLDC meeting, put on the next agenda.
* Would like to discuss the BEP program/vending, at state colleges, private industries, and county and city locations, and come up with a plan.
* Would like to receive updates on the amount of interims that are waived.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:13PM. BEP staff adjourned at 2:00PM.