State of California

Health and Human Services

Department of Rehabilitation

Quality Location Development Committee (QLDC) Meeting
Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

In attendance:

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

DOR staff (by Zoom): Kelly Snow, Emma Godinez, Matt Buller, Jennifer Wilbon

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

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

There were no new waivers to present.

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

* Low population for the San Diego Federal Building.
* Recommended to announce the San Diego Federal Building as a satellite.
* San Diego Federal Building is through VMU and there is also an open cafeteria in the building.
* Discussed interim locations.

Committee members comments and questions

* Suggested making the San Diego Federal Building a satellite location.
* Suggested the San Diego Federal Building become a dry stand.

Public members comments and questions

* Public members participated in the discussion about interim locations.

Motion: Jerry Gann moved a motion to turn the San Diego Federal Building into a satellite location with a dry stand and vending. The motion was seconded by Steve Alford.

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

Motion: Michael Hatch moved a motion that the department send location 869, Veterans Affairs building, to VMU. The motion was seconded by Jerry Gann.

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

Current Pending Announcements and Upcoming Interviews

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

Department comments and questions

* There are two pending announcements, 2 upcoming interviews, Turlock roadside rest stop and Valley Wells roadside rest stop.

Prospective New Locations and Opportunities

Department comments and questions

* Will discuss BEP program/vending/approaching colleges with the executives at the next executive/management meeting.
* Discussed the proposal process with colleges.

Committee members comments and questions

* Would like to department to come up with ways to grow the program. Gave suggestions and would like the department to think of other ways to approach colleges.
* If vendors have ideas or see a perspective location, send an email to the chair (Paul) and to the Location Development Officer (Matt).
* Suggested that the DMV question (listed below) be put on the next agenda.

Public members comments and questions

* Offered suggestions and ideas of how to get vending into colleges.
* Would like to know if DMV field offices are in VMU.

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 continue discussion regarding the BEP program/vending at state colleges.
* Would like to discuss Chino, Norco, and Chowchilla prisons.
* Would like to invite Michael Colbrunn to speak at a future meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30PM. BEP staff adjourned at 2:00PM.