## INLAND REGIONAL CENTER



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Sharon Jimenez, Community Program Specialist II Department of Developmental Service 1600 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA. 95814

Dear Ms. Jimenez:

Attached is our plan to ensure that the services authorized and utilized are of the highest quality and available to all consumers no matter the age, language, ethnicity, diagnosis, geographic location, living arrangements, or other identifiable issues.

The economic struggle in the Inland Empire continues and while efforts are made to improve, progress is slow. However, we are relieved that the unemployment rate has dropped to 5.9%. Inland Empire leaders are working to create a business-friendly environment with a focus on workforce development, infrastructure improvements, and common-sense regulations.

After gathering community, partner organization, and staff input during the POS Data Meetings, we summarized what we heard and decided to focus on the activities that you will see in the plan. We believe that continued efforts will allow more and more consumers to gain access to what they need to be included, independent, and empowered.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or input. We welcome the opportunity to discuss our activities with you.

Sincerely,

Lavinia Johnson, Executive Director

**Inland Regional Center** 

cc: Nancy Bargmann, Director, DDS

Kevin Urtz, Associate Executive Director, IRC