

**Far Coordinating Council on Developmental Disabilities
(dba Far Northern Regional Center)
Board of Directors**

The Far Northern Coordinating Council on Developmental Disabilities Board of Directors is comprised of as many as 20 members who participate in mapping the course and developing goals for Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC). The Board is challenged to provide the Executive Director and staff with advice regarding the agency's policies and procedures and the services it provides. The Board works to develop policies to ensure the organization meets its mandate and mission. The Board is also responsible for hiring and evaluating the Executive Director.

Who Serves on the Board of Directors?

Far Northern Regional Center is governed by a 20-member Board of Directors. Members are allocated as follows: two (2) members each from Butte, Shasta and Tehama Counties, one (1) member each from Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Siskiyou, and Trinity Counties; three (3) Members-at-Large, each a person with a developmental disability and each from a different county; one (1) Member-at-Large, which must be a parent or legal guardian of an individual with a developmental disability; one (1) members from People First (Regional Self-Advocacy Project); two (2) Members-at-large selected by the Board membership committee to meet Board Composition requirements as outlined in the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act; and one (1) member selected from the Service Provider Advisory Committee. At least 25 percent of the Board's members (5) are required to be consumers. At least 25 percent of the Board's members (5) are required to be the parent or guardian of consumers. The remaining fifty percent of Board members are open to general appointment.

Per the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act of 1976 and other appropriate statutes and regulations, the Board must be comprised of persons meeting the following criteria:

- Members are to have a demonstrated interest in, or knowledge of, developmental disabilities;
- Membership must include persons with legal, management, public relations, and developmental disability skills;
- Persons representing the various categories of disability, geographic and ethnic characteristics of the area are to be included in the Board's membership.

Board members are appointed to two (2) year terms and a third three-year term and may serve a maximum of seven (7) years within an eight-year period.

Board members are required to report any existing/potential conflicts of interest that may affect and/or hinder the member from making objective decisions.

How much time is involved?

The board of directors meets approximately six (6) times per year, usually on the fourth Friday morning of the month. There is a combined November/December meeting and there are no meetings in February, April, July, August and October. Occasionally committee meetings are held on the Thursday afternoon prior to the board meetings.

All board members are reimbursed for the costs of transportation, accommodations, and per diem incurred while conducting board business.

Transportation and/or facilitation can be provided to accommodate members' participation at board meetings.