

## *Exploring Complementary Uses*

Throughout the workshop, participants placed their ideas, questions and comments on *Dream, Create, Transform* display boards that were stationed throughout the facility. The following ideas were compiled from these display boards and from participant comment cards regarding complementary or re-use options and opportunities for SDC. These re-use ideas are organized within the dominant thematic areas that emerged from the workshop. Several of the ideas intersect and overlap across thematic areas and offer an integrative vision for multiple uses.

### *Health Services and Wellness*

- The SDC can provide a whole range of services for community, public and private facilities. Currently on the SDC, customized therapy and mobility devices are manufactured onsite. This is a much-needed resource that can be sourced by needs all over the state, perhaps developing a stream of revenue for SDC. Create a regional and statewide hub.
- Local satellite clinic for the hospital (SVH), or which local people could receive support services (blood draw, clones, etc.).
- Health and wellness center with DD (developmentally disabled), but open to all.
- Keep whole center core area as center for health, living, specialized DD (developmentally disabled). Services regionally framing site for complicated population. Ex. Dental clinic, wheel chair, shoe department; too important to lose.
- Expand as regional/northern CA specialized services and medical facilities for persons with challenges including the developmentally disabled.
- Medical clinic for all of 400 at SRJC and for teaching and consulting for (Health Service Certificate Program) via link with UCSF/UC Davis.
- Truly holistic integrative mental health and care for developmentally disabled.
- Establish a center focusing of therapeutic use of nature.
- Maintain SDC for most severely disabled residents; health and wellness community for specialized populations.
- Since there is no facility in Sonoma County that can serve those who are skilled in nursing or Alzheimer care - who are combative - perhaps create a secure place at SDC with those already trained to care for the population.
- Turn SDC into both a care facility and a state of the art health and wellness center/area.
- Make part of the facility available for medium term length for the homeless and others on the street offering training, job services, psych services, and health services.
- Create health care clinic to provide special services to all DD and others, providing a wraparound health care and generating income.

- Collaboration between developmental centers and community homes to provide medical/residential/recreational services for DD.

## *Open Space, Recreation, and Scenic Values*

- Assign SDC to the state parks system. Ideally, the back country west of Arnold would become part of Jack London State Park. The back country east of Arnold should become part of the regional park.
- Re-furbish, re-establish, and re-open Camp Via as camp for developmentally disabled/traumatized children, center for Valley youth, and outside groups.
- Public equestrian center (can be a cooperative). E.g. similar to Miwok in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
- Ensure public access/hiking trails.
- Create a wildlife rehabilitation center.
- Establish a nature reserve system (possibly connected to a university - see Education below)/create a permanent preserve.
- Incorporate uses that are at the intersection of education and restoration (See Education below).

## *Education, Training and Research*

- Integration of arts education and art therapy opportunities.
- Patient art training center for art, music, and theatre must haves for existing SDC clients who can't be moved/Transcendence Theatre outdoor stage, possible venue.
- Create a college campus (public or private) with programs focused on ecology, wellness, providing services to DD (developmentally disabled).
- Connect with CSU or UC to develop a new campus with a focus on environmental studies and agriculture.
- Create SDC Department of Developmental Services training centers.
- Ideal site for a research center or institute, specialized training for doctors, nurses, social workers, geriatric specialists/possibly related to UC as a satellite school.
- Outdoor education center/program for students/visiting schools combining teamwork, outdoor skills, and nature study.
- Research institute for agriculture, technology, and the environment.
- School for conservation studies.
- SRJC adult education/satellite campus. Ex. Public/private partnership technology based training for autism.
- Create a center on climate change, water resources, and alternative energy.

- Youth career technical school.
- Community education integrated with outdoor education.
- Basic construction classes at buildings in need for school credits and donate or reuse buildings materials. Ex. Furniture repair and upholstery.
- Use shops - wood/paint/electric/etc. to train youth (Hannah for ex.) in skills.
- Boarding and day school classes in each building. Ex. Birding, ecology, cooking, etc.
- Senior run day care/preschool and infant foster care.
- Community, adult English classes, and retreat center to rent out to groups for weekend or week courses. IONS does this in Petaluma.
- Give classes on how to build your own garden in your community.
- SRJC Ropes course facilitation classes and environmental education.
- Partner with Wildcare Terwilliger Nature Educations, Sonoma birding, S.E.C., and other wildlife organizations to provide nature education for kids and adults to share the open space.
- Sonoma Valley animal shelter that has a specific center for pet assisted therapy and humane education in order to give the opportunity to help other animals (livestock and wildlife) while teaching children.
- Turn SDC "useable" buildings into art workshops, pottery, painting, etc.; could be used for classes, weekend retreats (i.e. Taos).
- Museum on history of SDC, Glen Ellen, Eldridge, the developmentally disabled, and the future of "mind" research/Create a 'History of Mental Health' Museum.
- Non-profit center with community space (events/meeting rooms/center/office).

## *Housing*

- Housing for mentally ill/autistic that don't need level of care at SDC.
- Housing for the non-disabled and disabled elderly (like living independent).
- Temp housing so caregivers and family have a place for their loved ones while caregivers vacation here. They need a break!
- Generate income - develop villages (use some existing buildings) for different purposes and groups, i.e. - veterans homes, JC satellite campus, affordable housing for Sonoma Valley, other residents, etc. Centralization decreases cost.
- Housing for veterans (federal funding may be available).
- Develop a youth/teens/seniors mentoring/homeless center for overnight temporary stays.
- Turn the existing buildings into "condos" of smaller units. Example: Sweed School Condos in Petaluma as these "condos" can comply with smaller unit requirements.

- Transition from institutional living towards housing services and safety for veterans and the developmentally disabled.

## *Food and Farming*

- Sustainable farming with organic produce supplied to businesses and residents; local food market/Farmers Market.
- Restoration of the orchard at Camp Via (use vets).
- Re-store working farm and expand them at SDC, utilizing the food for residents and sale.
- Orchard can produce canned and dried food for sale or use on site, as well as raw food for feeding people who are on site. Ex. New users and residents/Orchard and gardens should be renewed and re-used. Sonoma has master gardeners and certified arborists who would love to volunteer and work.
- A fruit/vegetable gleaming project, bringing good affordable produce to Farmers Markets/stands/flower marts to provide revenue for funding water drip systems.
- Re-establish the working farm as a community garden.
- “Agricultural Mall.”
- There is a model farm-Arden-in the East Bay Park system. This could be a possible model for SDC.

## *Questions for Further Consideration*

**Many questions raised by workshop participants offer insights about areas for further inquiry, investigation and consideration to inform the Transform SDC planning process.**

- Most states have closed developmental centers; therefore, what is the data on services provided and outcome of consumers in community placement?
- How can residents continue to be cared for at less cost per patient?
- Could some land be sold (to allow state profit) without losing all stakeholder goals?
- Can the other buildings be used as salvage for future projects not only at SDC but perhaps at other county/state areas? How many buildings are on SDC and which ones can be saved?
- How is the Sonoma County Health Department funded and prepared to take responsibility for the SDC closure resident's high intensity med/psych service patients who are expensive, fragile, vulnerable, voiceless, and marginalized?
- The maintenance and/or refurbishment of the developmental centers will cost a great deal of money. The developmental center has already lost efficiencies of scale, and so the costs per resident are inordinately high. It is not surprising there is scrutiny of these numbers

and also support for the closure of the DCs based on financial concerns. We need to know and compare the proper analysis of costs per patient equals: full true costs of SDC to "community" care. What is the proper financial cost analysis?

- Can some buildings be given an historical district designation? What are the steps in this process?
- What would we learn from a complete building and infrastructural inventory?
- What are the water resources on the property?
- What are the possible transactional vehicles available to us? How do we come up with a flexible financing model?
- What are the best ways to generate revenue in the existing built environment to ensure that we keep the upland areas wild?