

**REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY BOARD NAMES
LARRY LANDAUER TO LEAD AGENCY**

New Executive Director's Leadership Skills, Depth of Experience Cited in Selection Decision

SANTA ANA, Calif., April 2009 – The Board of Directors of Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) announced that Larry Landauer, a 21-year veteran of the regional center, has been appointed to lead the organization as its new Executive Director. Highly-respected and well-known in the developmental disabilities community in Orange County and statewide, Landauer took the helm of the 400-employee agency on April 10 after a competitive, statewide search that involved a number of distinguished applicants.

After earning his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in social work, Larry began his career at RCOC in 1988 as a service coordinator. Over the next two decades, he worked his way up through the ranks, gaining experience and first-hand knowledge in virtually all aspects of regional center operations – from service coordination, area management and quality assurance, to the full range of community resources and public benefits for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Most recently, he was Director of Consumer and Community Resources for eight years, and served as interim Chief Operating Officer for the past five months.

RCOC (www.rcocdd.com) is the private, nonprofit organization contracted by the State of California to coordinate services and supports for the more than 16,000 Orange County residents with developmental disabilities and their families. Developmental disabilities include mental retardation, autism, epilepsy and cerebral palsy.

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