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California Budget Crisis:

Senate Budget Subcommittee Health & Human Services Hearing Today – Updated Schedule of Final Round of Subcommittee Hearings As Budget Process Moves to Next Phase

SACRAMENTO, CALIF (CDCAN) [Updated 05/21/2010 06:10 AM (Pacific Time)] - The Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services will meet this morning (May 21) at 09:30 AM in the State Capitol in Room 4203, and focus on the Governor's budget revisions released May 14th that impact developmental services, certain issues under the Department of Public Health including those dealing with AIDS programs, two issues under the Department of Health Care Services including family health and 3 "for vote only" issues dealing with mental health (but not the proposed suspension of the AB 3632 special education mandate or the proposed reduction of 60% of the funding for county mental health services).

For persons unable to attend the hearing today, phone numbers and addresses of both Senate and Assembly subcommittee health and human services members are listed below in this report for persons to send or call in their comments. Given the volume of emails, comments or inquiries by email generally are not useful unless a person knows the staff person or the legislator.

Regional Centers Budget Issues on Agenda Today

- The Senate hearing today in the developmental services section (under the Department of Developmental Services) will look at several issues impacting the 21 non-profit regional centers who coordinate community-based services for over 240,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities, and also early intervention services for thousands of babies and toddlers with developmental delays.
- One of those issues is the Governor's proposal, made originally in January, that called for an additional reduction of about \$50 million (about \$25 million in State general funds) though at that time in January no details on how that cut would be achieved was released.

- Details however were released in late April in advance of the May 14th budget revisions by the Governor, that called for an additional 1.25% reduction in payments to most regional center providers and regional operations (to go into effect July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) on top of the existing 3% reduction.
- To help those providers deal with the impact of the additional proposed payment reduction, the Governor proposed temporarily suspending some reporting and other requirements for regional center providers impacted by this reduction.
- The Senate budget subcommittee staff is recommending that this item be held “open” until next week.
- The Department of Developmental Services – the state agency that oversees the regional center community-based services, and the operations of the state owned and staffed developmental centers and 1 smaller facility – released this week proposed budget legislative language (referred to as “budget trailer bill language” because the language will eventually be put into a bill that will follow or trail the main budget bill).
- To view the 2 page proposed language, see CDCAN website at www.cdcan.us . It is also attached to this report as a 2 page pdf file.

Some Transition Issues Impacting Lanterman Developmental Center Proposed Closure on Agenda

- Also on the agenda today are several transition related issues impacting the proposed closure of Lanterman Developmental Center that the Governor included in his May 14th budget revisions. This included adjusting the numbers of people that the Department of Developmental Services assumes would be transitioned from the center during the 2010-2011 State Budget year, from 37 to 100 (assuming final approval of the proposed closure plan). The transitions of those persons would be based on their individual program plan under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act – California’s civil rights act for people with developmental disabilities. No other state in the nation has such a law.
- It does not appear that final action on the actual closure plan itself – which was heard by this subcommittee with public testimony on April 29th – will be taken up at today’s hearing. All indications in both the Assembly and Senate subcommittees however indicate that both will likely approve the plan – which the Department of Developmental Services released April 1st, in their final hearings next week.
- No action by the subcommittees are final however until the Legislature passes – and the Governor approves – the actual main budget bill and the package of budget related bills. That passage and approval is expected to be delayed through the summer due to what many anticipate will be a long budget stand-off.

TODAY – MAY 21, 2010 (FRIDAY)

SENATE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #3 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TIME: 09:30 AM

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4203

WHAT WILL BE HEARD

Governor’s May Revised Budget proposals and “open” issues:

* Department of Mental Health (not Governor's proposals regarding AB 3632 mandate suspension or reduce 60% of mental health county funding)

* Department of Health Care Services – Family Health (Budget Item 4260)

* Department of Developmental Services (Budget Item 4300) – including proposal for additional 1.25% reduction in payments for most regional center providers and regional center operations; Lanterman Developmental Center proposed closure transition related issues.

* Department of Public Health – Selected Issues (Budget Item 4265)

* Other departments as necessary

AGENDA AVAILABLE: Yes – 43 page agenda can be viewed or downloaded from the CDCAN website at www.cdcan.us and is attached to this CDCAN Report titled “20100521-SenateBudgetSub3HealthAgenda.pdf” Also attached is 2 page proposed budget related language (“trailer bill”) titled “20100510-DDS-Trailer Bill-Reduction in Payments to Specified Providers.pdf “

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard

PRIORITY: **HIGH**

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes – for those concerned about the proposal for additional cut 1.25% reduction in payments to most regional center providers and operations (on top of existing 3%) and other “open” issues not yet acted on. The Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services heard but kept “open” this issue on May 20th.

CDCAN COMMENT: *“Open” issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on.*

MAY 24, 2010 – MONDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*****Hearing cancelled*****

SENATE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #3 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TIME: 01:30 PM or immediately after Senate Appropriations Committee hearing ends [that committee is scheduled to meet at 11:00 AM]

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4203

WHAT WILL BE HEARD

Governor's May Revised Budget proposals and “open” issues:

* Secretary for California Health and Human Services Agency (Budget Item 0530)

* Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (Budget item 4140)

* Department of Aging (Budget Item 4170)

* Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (Budget Item 4200)

* Department of Child Support Services (Budget Item 5175)

* Department of Social Services (Budget Item 5180)

* Other departments as necessary

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard

PRIORITY: **HIGH**

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if you are able to
CDCAN COMMENT: *“Open” issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on. This will be the last hearing for the year for this budget subcommittee. – the full Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee will meet May 25th and May 26th to take final action on any remaining “open” issues that the Senate budget subcommittees did not yet take.*

MAY 25, 2010 – TUESDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*****Hearing cancelled*****

SENATE BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

TIME: 09:30 AM

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4203

WHAT WILL BE HEARD

Governor’s May Revised Budget proposals and “open” issues:

Human Services and Child Care Budget Items:

- * Alcohol and Drug Programs (Budget Item 4200)
- * Department of Social Services (Budget Item 5180)
- * Department of Education – Child Care Issues only (Budget Item 6110)

Resources Budget Items

- * Department of Parks and Recreation (Budget Item 3790)

Transportation Budget Items

- * Department of Transportation (Budget Item 2660)\
- * Department of Motor Vehicles (Budget Item 2740)

General Government Budget Items and Other Departments As Necessary

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard

PRIORITY: **HIGH**

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if they can – though not if coming from out of the Sacramento area.

CDCAN COMMENT: *“Open” issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on.*

MAY 26, 2010 – WEDNESDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TIME: 09:00 AM

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4202

WHAT WILL BE HEARD:

Governor’s May Revised Budget Proposals and “Open” Issues

- Human services budget items
- Health budget items including developmental services budget items

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard

PRIORITY: HIGH

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if they can – though not if coming from out of the Sacramento area.

CDCAN COMMENT: “Open” issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on. Full Senate budget committee is scheduled to hold its final hearing during this phase of the budget process on this same day and beginning just 30 minutes later.

SENATE BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

TIME: 09:30 AM

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4203

WHAT WILL BE HEARD

Governor’s May Revised Budget proposals and “open” issues:

Health Budget Items

- * Department of Health Care Services - Medi-Cal (Budget Item 4260)
- * Department of Public Health (Budget Item 4265)
- * Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (Budget Item 4280)
- * Department of Mental Health (Budget Item 4440)

Judicial, Corrections and Public Safety Budget Items

- * Judicial Branch (Budget Item 0250)
- * California Emergency Management Agency (Budget Item 0690)
- * Department of Justice (Budget Item 0820)
- * Dept of Alcoholic Beverage Control (Budget Item 2100)
- * Dept of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Budget Item 5225)

Other Departments As Necessary

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard

PRIORITY: HIGH

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if they can – though not if coming from out of the Sacramento area.

CDCAN COMMENT: *“Open” issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on. This is likely the final hearing in the Senate that will close out this phase of the budget subcommittee hearing process.*

MAY 27, 2010 – THURSDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TIME: 09:00 AM

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4202

WHAT WILL BE HEARD: Any remaining “Open” Issues

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard

PRIORITY: HIGH

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes if they can – though not if coming from out of the Sacramento area.

CDCAN COMMENT: *“Open” issues refers to issues this subcommittee has previously heard earlier this year but still needs to take action on. This Assembly budget subcommittee hearing is scheduled but may not be held if all “open” issues were taken up and acted on the previous day.*

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Though there are five budget subcommittees in the State Senate and in the Assembly (except for one instance, they are all numbered differently) this report lists on those dealing health and human services because the major cuts proposed by the Governor, especially in his budget revisions released May 14th, center on those budget areas impacting people with disabilities, mental health needs, seniors and families.

CDCAN Note: while contacting subcommittee members and other legislative leaders can be important – it is even more important to keep consistent contact with your own legislative representatives. CDCAN is conducting “Accountability With Action” trainings on this June 14th in Sacramento and other locations. For more information go to website or send email to: martyomoto@rcip.com

SENATE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #3 ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

This subcommittee has 3 members – 2 Democrats and 1 Republican. There are no official alternate members

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Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Office

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ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

This subcommittee has a total of 6 members (4 Democrats and 2 Republicans) with 2 alternate members in the event a subcommittee member cannot attend and a vote is needed. Assemblymember Wes Chesbro has chaired most the hearings during the past two months of this subcommittee in the absence of the subcommittee chair,

Assemblymember Dave Jones.

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