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### **REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND WORK OF CHRISTINA KEIFER AND AUGUST LONGO**

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#### **California Budget Crisis:**

### **Governor's Medi-Cal, Mental Health Budget Proposals Focus of Senate Budget Committee Wednesday – Controversial Proposal to Renew and Expand Medi-Cal Quality Assurance Nursing Home Provider Fee Also on Agenda**

***Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health & Human Services Also Scheduled to Meet At Same Time Though Mostly "For Vote Only" Items – Controversial Proposal to Extend and Expand Medi-Cal Quality Assurance Nursing Home Provider Fee Will Likely Be Heard In Assembly on Thursday***

SACRAMENTO, CALIF (CDCAN) [Updated 05/25/2010 11:10 PM (Pacific Time)] - Several controversial budget proposals by the Governor will be the focus of the full Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services when they hold separate hearings Wednesday morning (May 26<sup>th</sup>) at nearly the same time. Both houses are moving quickly this week to close out this phase of the state budget process. This is the final week of budget subcommittee hearings – though the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee is meeting and taking final action instead of its 5 subcommittees this week

Due to the size of the agendas for both hearings (the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee agenda is 71 pages and the combined length of the 2 part agenda for the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services is 76 pages. Both are available for viewing or downloading from the CDCAN website at [www.cdcan.us](http://www.cdcan.us).

Both houses of the Legislature have held and scheduled their final budget subcommittee hearings Wednesday and Thursday this week, taking final action on several of the Governor's major proposals impacting people with disabilities, mental health needs, the blind, seniors and their families, before the budget process heads to the next phase of "budget conference committee" hearings in early June.

## **Senate Budget Committee Hearing Likely Will Draw More Attention With Several Controversial Issues on Agenda**

Of the two hearings on Thursday morning, the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee hearing is likely to be longer and more important in terms of attendance by the public because it is taking up budget issues proposed by the Governor as part of his May 14<sup>th</sup> budget revisions that this committee has not yet heard before.

The public will have an opportunity –as it did Tuesday before this same committee, to provide brief public testimony on these issues that focus largely on Medi-Cal and Mental Health proposed reductions, in addition to one “for vote only” item relating to increasing from 3% to 4.25% beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30,2010 a reduction in payments for most regional center providers and to regional center operations.

## **Controversial Proposal to Extend and Expand Quality Assurance Fee For Nursing Homes on Senate Committee Agenda**

- A controversial proposal by the Schwarzenegger Administration to extend and expand the Quality Assurance Fee for nursing homes that imposes a provider “tax” that is matched by federal Medicaid funds that in turn is partially given back to the provider in the form of higher reimbursement rate is on the May 26<sup>th</sup> Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee agenda – though it is listed after many other controversial items that will be heard first. The State retains part of that increased funding that comes back to the State to help pay for other State general fund expenses.
- This issue is referred to sometimes as the “AB 1629 Reauthorization” – named after the bill that first authorized it in 2004.
- The proposal was controversial then and now, with disability and some senior advocates deeply concerned or in opposition to the proposal because they have claimed the State has not done a good job in oversight to make sure nursing homes who received the increased reimbursement rate improved quality of care in addition to passing on the increased funding to their workers. Some nursing home providers raised concerns with some of the new proposed measures to improve oversight and limit how the increased funding can be used.
- A 3 page fact sheet on the proposal by the Department of Health Care Services – released last week, is attached to this CDCAN Report and also can be viewed from the CDCAN website at [www.cdcan.us](http://www.cdcan.us)
- The issue will likely be heard in the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services on Thursday (May 27).
- The issue directly impacts people with disabilities, mental health needs, seniors and others and their families in the nursing facilities that qualify for this Quality Assurance Nursing Home provider fee; impacts the workers in those facilities; the providers/owners of those facilities.
- It also has impact on the State’s implementation and compliance of the 1999 US Supreme Court “Olmstead Decision” under the federal Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). That decision required the states to take steps to avoid the unnecessary or unjustified institutionalization of persons with disabilities, mental health needs and seniors.

### **Proposed Closure of Lanterman Developmental Center on Assembly Subcommittee Agenda – But Not On Senate Committee Agenda**

- The proposed closure of Lanterman Developmental Center in Pomona, was previously heard and public testimony taken by both the Senate and Assembly budget subcommittees in late April and early May.
- While both subcommittees approved some budget related legislative language (referred to as budget “trailer bills” because the bills follow or trail the main budget bill, making necessary additions or changes to state law as needed) neither subcommittee has yet given final approval of the actual closure plan that the Governor submitted to the Legislature on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The proposed closure of Lanterman Developmental Center is a “for vote only” item as part of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee hearing agenda (along with several other items under the Department of Developmental Services, the state agency that oversees the operations of the state owned and staffed developmental centers – and contracts with 21 non-profit regional centers to coordinate community-based services to over 240,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities).
- The proposed closure of Lanterman Developmental Center however is not on the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee agenda for Wednesday. That agenda has only one item dealing with developmental services – a “for vote only” item that is the Governor’s proposal to increase the payment reduction to most regional center providers and operations from 3% to 4.25%. No other developmental services budget item is on the May 26<sup>th</sup> agenda. The same committee is scheduled to hold its last hearing during this budget subcommittee phase of the budget process on Thursday. After that the budget process moves to the budget “conference committee” phase.
- If the proposed closure of Lanterman Developmental Center is not taken up by the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Thursday, then it will likely be an issue that will be considered by the budget conference committee, which likely will begin its hearings in early June through mid-June. No public testimony is taken at these hearings – though all meetings are public and televised.

### **State Senate Full Budget Panel Will Meet Instead of Subcommittees**

- May 26<sup>th</sup> - On Wednesday the full Senate budget panel will meet to hear health related budget issues including 1 developmental services (“for vote only”) issue and discuss and take public testimony and possibly take final action on several budget proposals by the Governor impacting cuts to Medi-Cal, the proposal to expand and extend the Medi-Cal Quality Assurance Fee for nursing homes, cuts to Mental Health, Healthy Families, Public Health.
- May 27<sup>th</sup> - It will hold what will likely be its final hearing to close out the Senate budget subcommittee phase of the budget process on Thursday (May 27) focusing on education issues.

### **Assembly Budget Subcommittees Will Meet This Week To Take Final Action**

- May 26<sup>th</sup> - In the Assembly, its five budget subcommittees held hearings last week and took several final actions and will be holding their final hearings on Wednesday (May 26<sup>th</sup>). The hearing on Wednesday will largely be “for vote only” for a number

of the Governor's proposals including those impacting IHSS, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), CalWORKS, regional centers and the proposed closure of Lanterman Developmental Center.

- May 27<sup>th</sup> – Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services is scheduled to meet at 09:00 AM cover any “open” budget items that it has not yet taken action on. The subcommittee might possibly take up the proposal by the Schwarzenegger Administration that calls for expanding and extending the Medi-Cal Quality Assurance Fee for nursing homes. Advocates and even some nursing home providers have raised different concerns and problems regarding the proposal. This will likely be the final hearing of this subcommittee.

### **Actions by Both Houses Not Final**

Actions by both the Senate and Assembly budget subcommittees – or full budget committees are not final however. Actions by both subcommittees or budget committees at this stage – especially if both agree, however does send a strong signal about the position of the Legislature on a particular proposal by the Governor.

The process heads to the next phase – the budget conference committee (a joint committee of 6 members, 3 from each house) to work out any different actions that either house took. That phase lasts through most of June – and then the budget process goes to the Assembly and Senate floor, where it will likely remain until a budget agreement is reached with the Governor and the legislative leaders. A long budget stand-off, given the enormity of the budget deficit, is seen as certain, to probably last through the summer.

### **MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SUMMARY OF ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENDA**

The subcommittee will conduct its hearing on Wednesday with the hearing agenda divided into two parts:

- Part 1 (24 pages long) will focus on “for vote only” budget items dealing with the Department of Developmental Services (normally additional public testimony is not taken on those items since all have been previously heard). There are no “items for discussion” on this agenda (meaning new items not previously heard).
- Part 2 the second part deals with human services budget issues contains “for vote only” items including proposals by the Governor to eliminate the entire CalWORKS program, proposals for major cuts to IHSS, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants and more. All of those items were previously heard and normally additional public testimony is not taken on those items. Following the long “for vote only” items are “items for discussion” – meaning public testimony will be taken, on 5 budget items.
- Items highlighted in **RED** and with three \*\*\* (for sight impaired or persons who are blind) are budget issues that are controversial or of special interest to people with disabilities, mental health needs, the blind, seniors, their families and others.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
May 26, 2010 – Wednesday - 09:00 AM – State Capitol – Room 4202

*PART 1*

VOTE ONLY

*DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (BUDGET ITEM 4300)*

*Issue 1 – Sonoma Developmental Center Fire Alarm Upgrade*

*Issue 2 – Quality Assessment Contract Adjustment*

*Issue 3 – Federal Stimulus Funds – Purchase of Services*

*Issue 4 – Self Directed Services [SDS] Implementation Delay*

***Issue 5 – \*\*\*Lanterman Developmental Center Closure***

*Issue 6 – Federal Money Follows the Person (MFP)*

***Issue 7 – \*\*\*Additional 1.25% Reduction***

*Note: 6 attachments to this agenda (for copies go to the CDCAN website at [www.cdcan.us](http://www.cdcan.us))*

*PART 2*

VOTE-ONLY ITEMS

*HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY (BUDGET ITEM 0530)*

*Issue 1 - Health Information Exchange and Federal Grant Award (Spring Finance Letter)*

*OFFICE OF SYSTEMS INTEGRATION (BUDGET ITEM 0530)*

*DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (BUDGET ITEM 5180)*

*Issue 1 - Interim Statewide Automated Welfare System (ISAWS)*

*Issue 2 - Child Welfare Services (CWS)/Web Staffing*

*Issue 3 - LEADER Replacement System (LRS)*

*Issue 4 - Welfare Client Data System (CalWIN)*

*Issue 5 - Statewide Fingerprinting Imaging System (SFIS)*

*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING (BUDGET ITEM 4170)*

*Issue 1 - Federal Grant for Chronic Disease Self-Management Program*

*Issue 2 - Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)*

*Issue 3 - Proposed Shift of Funding for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman*

*DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS (BUDGET ITEM 4200)*

***Issue 1 - \*\*\*Proposed Elimination of \$18 million of Offender Treatment Program***

***Issue 2 - \*\*\*Drug Medi-Cal Related ARRA [American Recovery & Reinvestment Act] Estimates***

*STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (BUDGET ITEM 5170)*

*Issue 1 - Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Federal Grant*

*DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES (BUDGET ITEM 5175)*

*Issue 1 - Revision to Estimates of Federal Incentive Funding and State Disbursement Unit Cost*

*Issue 2 - Revision to Estimate of ARRA [American Recovery & Reinvestment Act] Funds*

*DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (BUDGET ITEM 5180)*

*Issue 1 - Caseload Estimate Changes and Adjustments*

*Issue 2 - Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Fund Shift*

*Issue 3 - Inter-County Transfer Process for Food Stamps*

*Issue 4 - County Match Requirements for Food Stamps Administrative Costs*

*Issue 5 - Kinship-Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (Kin-GAP)/ Subsidized Relative Guardianship Proposal*

*Issue 6 - Title IV-E Eligibility Training Proposal*

*Issue 7 - Proposal to Continue Suspension of the Mutual Consent – Confidential Intermediary Program for Sibling Contact (AB 2488)*  
*Issue 8 - Proposal to Continue Suspension of Placements of Children in Foster Care with Developmental Disabilities in For-Profit Group Homes (AB 1462)*  
*Issue 9 - Resources for Resource Family Approval Pilot (AB 340)*  
*Issue 10 - Group Home Financial Audit Reports TBL [“trailer bill language”]*  
***Issue 11 - \*\*\*Proposed CalWORKs Grant Reduction***  
***Issue 12 - \*\*\*Proposed Elimination of the CalWORKs Recent Non-Citizen Entrants Program’***  
***Issue 13 - \*\*\*California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) - Extension of authority for ARRA [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act] Funding***  
***Issue 14 - \*\*\*Governor's January Proposals to Reduce IHSS [In-Home Supportive Services]***  
*Issue 15 - Request for \$500,000 for Anti-Fraud and Program Integrity Report*  
***Issue 16 - \*\*\*IHSS May Revision Proposal***  
*Issue 17 - Local Augmentation in 2009-10*  
***Issue 18 - \*\*\*SSI/SSP Proposed Grant Reduction for Individual Recipients***  
***Issue 19 - \*\*\*Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants [CAPI] & California Food Assistance Program***  
***Issue 20 - \*\*\*State Hearings - SFL on Videoconferencing***

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

*DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES (BUDGET ITEM 5175)*

*Issue 1 Clarification of Action Regarding Spring Finance Letter on Administrative Order Setting and Modification Process*

*DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (BUDGET ITEM 5180)*

*Issue 1 Financing of CalWORKs Single Allocation*

*Issue 2 Spring Finance Letter Proposal for CCL Inspection & Fee Changes*

*Issue 3 Group Home Litigation and Related Proposals – May Revise*

*Issue 4 Defense Appropriation Act Funding for Food Stamps Administration – May Revise*

**MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SUMMARY OF SENATE BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Copy of this 71 page agenda can be downloaded also from the CDCAN website at [www.cdcan.us](http://www.cdcan.us)

Items highlighted in **RED** and with three **\*\*\*** (for sight impaired or persons who are blind) are budget issues that are controversial or of special interest to people with disabilities, mental health needs, the blind, seniors, their families and others.

*SENATE BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE*

*May 26, 2010 – Wednesday - 09:30 AM – State Capitol – Room 4203*

*JUDICIAL, CORRECTIONS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY*

*1. Judicial Branch (Budget Item 0250)*

- *Community Services – Vote Only – Governor’s Reduction of \$48.2 million*

2. *Department of Mental Health (Budget Item 4440)*
  - **\*\*\*Governor's Proposal to Eliminate Funds for Community Mental Health and Shift to Other Programs**
  - *Courts Budget Package*
3. *Department of Justice (Budget Item 0820)*
  - *Gun Show Program Augmentation*
4. *Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (Budget Item 2100)*
  - *Liquor License Fee Adjustment*
5. *Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Budget Item 5225)*
  - *Local Public Safety Block Grant Program*
  - *Felony Term Reform*
  - *Local Assistance Back Payments*
  - *Local Safety and Protection Account*
  - *Juvenile Offender Population Reform*
  - *Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facilities*
  - *Design-Build Authority for Local Correctional Facilities*
  - *Receiver Solution*
  - *Receiver Augmentations*

#### **HEALTH**

6. *Department of Developmental Services (Budget Item 4300)*
  - **\*\*\*Community Services – Vote Only – Governor's Reduction of \$48.2 million**
7. *Department of Mental Health (Budget Item 4440)*
  - **\*\*\*Governor's Proposal to Eliminate Funds for Community Mental Health and Shift to Other Programs**
  - **\*\*\*Adjustments for Mental Health Managed Care & Update on the Status of Waiver**
  - *Adjustments of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program*
  - *Supplemental Mental Health Services in Healthy Families Program*
  - *May Revision for State Hospitals*
  - *State Hospital Capital Outlay--Napa*
  - *Deletion of Budget Bill Language for Conditional Release Program*
  - *Reduction to Sex Offender Commitment Program*
  - *DMH [Department of Mental Health] Request for Legal Staff.*
8. *Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (Budget Item 4280)*
  - *Healthy Families Program*
  - **\*\*\*Increases to Healthy Families Premiums**
  - **\*\*\*Increases to Copayments for Healthy Families**
  - **\*\*\*Eliminate Vision Coverage for Children**
  - *Availability of Special Funds to Offset GF [State general fund]*
  - *Increases for Federal CHIPRA Implementation for State Support—Three Components*
9. *Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal (Budget Item 4260)*
  - *The Medi-Cal Program (Local Assistance)*

- **\*\*\*Mandatory Enrollment in Managed Care for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities**
- **\*\*\*Trailer Bill on Three Aspects of Pending [Section] 1115 Medi-Cal Waiver**
- *Medi-Cal Managed Care Baseline Adjustments and Capitation Rates*
- *Reassign Contract Negotiations for Geographic Managed Care (GMC) Plans in Medi-Cal*
- *New Control Section 23.25 in Budget Bill*
- *New Control Section 8.65*
- **\*\*\*10 Percent Reduction to Designated Public Hospitals**
- **\*\*\*10 Percent Reduction to Private Hospitals**
- **\*\*\*Extend Hospital Quality Assurance Fee for Six Months (to June 30, 2011)**
- *Hospital Inpatient Rate Freeze*
- **\*\*\*Medi-Cal Quality Assurance Fee: Summary—Freestanding Nursing Home Reimbursement and Quality and Accountability Proposal**
- **\*\*\*Medi-Cal Quality Assurance Fee: Changes to Trending Methodology**
- **\*\*\*Medi-Cal Quality Assurance Fee (QAF): Lower L&C Fees and Increase QAF for Rate Increase**
- **\*\*\*Medi-Cal Quality Assurance Fee: Include Multi-Level Retirement Communities**
- *Trailer Bill. Exception to Timely Filing Rule for Medi-Cal Third-Party Liability*
- **\*\*\*Reduction to Radiology Rates**
- **\*\*\*Elimination of Selected Over-the-Counter Drugs**
- **\*\*\*Hard Cap: Six-Prescription Outpatient Drugs**
- **\*\*\*Hard Cap: Durable Medical Equipment**
- **\*\*\*Hard Cap: Certain Medical Supplies**
- **\*\*\*Hard Cap: Hearing Aid Expenditures**
- **\*\*\*Hard Cap: 10 Visits for Outpatient Primary and Specialty Care provided under Physicians (this issue not heard yet in the Assembly)**
- **\*\*\*Mandatory Copayments for Physician & FQHC/RHC Office Visits**
- **\*\*\*Mandatory Copayments: Dental Office**
- **\*\*\*Mandatory Copayments for Hospital Inpatient Days**
- **\*\*\*Mandatory Copayments for Emergency Room Visits**
- **\*\*\*Mandatory Copayments for Non-Emergency Room Visits**
- **\*\*\*Mandatory Copayments: Pharmacy Copayments**
- **\*\*\*Limit Enteral Nutrition to Tube Feeding**
- **\*\*\*Eliminate Payment of federal Medicare Part B Premiums for Medi-Cal Enrollees with an Unmet Share-of-Cost**
- *Medi-Cal Program Eligibility Processing: Methodology Change on Eligibility Growth*
- *Expanded Access to Primary Care Clinics*
- *Department of Health Care Services: State Support*
- *Resources for Implementation of 1115 Waiver*
- *Resources for Freestanding Nursing Home Changes (Relates to AB 1629 changes)*
- *Resources for Health Information Technology Act: Medi-Cal Electronic Health Record Incentive Program. 65*

10. Department of Public Health (Budget Item 4265)

- Proposed Proposition 99 Program Reductions
- Every Woman Counts Program

**FINAL SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS THIS WEEK**

**Please note: hearing dates and times are always subject to change.** 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.

**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

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

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

AGENDA AVAILABLE: Yes – in two parts. First part is developmental services (24 pages) and second part is human services (52 pages). Can be downloaded from CDCAN website at [www.cdcan.us](http://www.cdcan.us)

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. Most of the items on the agenda have been heard before and public testimony previously taken. All of those items previously heard are listed as “for vote only” – and normally additional testimony is not taken. It is up to the chair.

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. The Senate hearing is taking up a wide range of health budget items that the committee (or subcommittee) has not heard or taken public testimony yet.

**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:

Judicial, Corrections and Public Safety Budget Items

\* Judicial Branch (Budget Item 0250)

- \* Department of Mental Health (Budget Item 4440) – one item
- \* Department of Justice (Budget Item 0820)
- \* Dept of Alcoholic Beverage Control (Budget Item 2100)
- \* Dept of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Budget Item 5225)

Health Budget Items

- \* Developmental Services (Budget Item 4300) – one item – for vote only
- \* 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)

Other Departments As Necessary

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard – it is always up to the committee chair. Most of the items on the agenda have not been heard before – and public testimony on the proposals have not yet been taken in this committee

AGENDA AVAILABLE: Yes – 71 page pdf file agenda can be downloaded from the CDCAN website at [www.cdcan.us](http://www.cdcan.us)

PRIORITY: **VERY HIGH**

SHOULD PEOPLE COME TO THIS HEARING: Yes – this will be last time to provide oral testimony on these issues before this committee – though people can still write in letters or submit written comments (see below).

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

**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. The proposal by the Department of Health Care Services to extend the **Medi-Cal Quality Assurance Fee for nursing facilities** will likely be on the subcommittee agenda (it was on the May 26<sup>th</sup> Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee agenda under Medi-Cal)

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

PRIORITY: **VERY 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.*

SENATE BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

TIME: 09:30 AM or upon adjournment of the State Senate floor session

WHERE: State Capitol – Room 4203

WHAT WILL BE HEARD:

- \* SB 1020 (Wolk) - State budget.
- \* SB 1426 (DeSaulnier) - State budget: 2-year spending plan.

BUDGET ITEMS TO BE HEARD:

K-12 EDUCATION

- \* California Department of Education (Budget item 6110)

HIGHER EDUCATION

- \* University of California (Budget Item 6440)
- \* California State University (Budget Item 6610)
- \* California Community Colleges (Budget Item 6870)
- \* Student Aid Commission (Budget Item 7980)

REVENUES

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS NECESSARY

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Yes – though not likely on items “for vote only” or items previously heard – it is always up to the committee chair

AGENDA AVAILABLE: Not yet

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 of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee to close out the Senate budget subcommittee phase of the budget process.*

## **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](mailto: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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#### 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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