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State Capitol Updates:

• IMPACT OF HOUSE REPUBLICAN HEALTH CARE PLAN FOCUS OF TWO INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS THIS WEEK

March 22 (Wed) in Fresno - Joint Informational Hearing Of Assembly Committee & Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 On Health And Human Services at 1:00 to 4:00 PM

March 24 (Friday) in San Diego – State Senate Health Committee Informational Hearing at 2:30 PM

• UPCOMING STATE BUDGET HEARINGS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

March 23 (Thu) – Senate Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services Hearing – Focus on Dept of Managed Care and Dept of Health Care Services (Medi-Cal related issues including Affordable Care Act Impact)

March 29 (Wed) – Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services Hearing Including Vote on IHSS “Maintenance of Effort” Related Issues Impacting Counties and Statewide Authority (Previously Scheduled for March 22)

• STATE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

March 22 (Wed) - Confirmation Hearing for Nancy Bargmann, Director of Department of Developmental Services (at 1:30 PM at the State Capitol)

April 26 (Wed) – Confirmation Hearing for Pete Cervinka, Chief Deputy Director of California Department of Social Services

• “NO PLACE LIKE HOME” PROGRAM STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL HOLD FIRST MEETING MARCH 23

• UPDATED CALENDAR OF UPCOMING HEARINGS & MEETINGS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE AND ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WILL HOLD JOINT INFO HEARING IN FRESNO ON MARCH 22 ON IMPACT OF HOUSE REPUBLICAN HEALTH CARE PLAN – SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE WILL HOLD INFO HEARING IN SAN DIEGO ON FRIDAY

SACRAMENTO, CA [BY MARTY OMOTO, CDCAN LAST UPDATED 03/21/2017 10:15 AM] – With an important key vote in the US House of Representatives set for later this week on the House Republican proposed legislation to repeal and replace the “Affordable Care Act” also known as “Obamacare”, the California Legislature will hold two informational hearings on the impact of the proposal to Californians, scheduled for March 22nd in Fresno and March 24th in San Diego.

The Assembly Health Committee, chaired by Assemblymember Jim Wood (Democrat –Healdsburg) and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services, chaired by Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula (Democrat – Fresno), will hold a joint informational hearing, titled “The American Health Care Act: What Will It Cost Californians?”, in Fresno, on March 22nd, Wednesday, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at the Fresno City Hall Chambers, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno. The Assembly joint informational hearing is set to be streamed live on youtube (details will be released on that soon – CDCAN will provide link as soon as information is available). Agenda for the hearing is not yet posted, but is expected to be available sometime today (CDCAN will send out in a report when it is posted).

It is not certain whether there will be public comment taken at the hearing.

The State Senate Health Committee, chaired by Senator Ed Hernandez (Democrat – Azusa), will hold an Informational hearing, in San Diego, at 2:30 PM, at San Diego State University, Fowler Family Ballroom, Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center, 5500 Campanile Drive, in San Diego, 92182. The official title of the informational hearing is “The Impact of the American Health Care Act on California: What’s at Stake”. There is no information posted yet on whether this hearing will be streamed live either via Senate Television (on youtube) or in some other way. Agenda and other information is expected to be released soon (CDCAN will issue information as soon as it is available).

The two informational hearings this week – in addition to the on-going budget subcommittee hearings - will likely generate further interest and raise concerns about the proposed federal legislation that seeks to replace the federal Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, both locally in the Fresno and Central Valley and Fresno areas and in the San Diego area, but also across the State. The proposed House Republican plan, as it currently is drafted, would have sweeping impact on Medicaid funding (called “Medi-Cal” in California) and the health care of millions of Californians – and millions more across the nation.

STATE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE CONFIRMATION HEARINGS OF NANCY BARGMANN (MARCH 22) AND PETER CERVINKA (APRIL 26)

SACRAMENTO, CA [BY MARTY OMOTO, CDCAN LAST UPDATED 03/21/2017 09:15 AM] – The State Senate Rules Committee, chaired by Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon (Democrat – Los Angeles), is scheduled to hold confirmation hearing on March 22nd, Wednesday at 1:30 PM, at the State Capitol in Room 113, of Nancy Bargmann, as director of the Department of Developmental Services. Bargmann was appointed last April by the Governor to the post, following the retirement from state service of Santi Rogers. Following Bargmann’s confirmation hearing, her appointment would then go to the full State Senate for a confirmation vote, in the next couple of weeks.

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) oversees the 21 non-profit regional centers that the department contracts with to provide eligibility, assessments, coordination of services and supports provided by a thousands of community-based organizations and individuals across the State under the landmark state law known as the “Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act” for over 290,000 eligible children and adults with developmental disabilities. Those eligible also receive, depending on eligibility rules, services and supports from other departments including Department of Social Services (In-Home Supportive Services, CalWORKS, foster care, adoption assistance, SSI/SSP – Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment) grants, Community Care Licensing), Department of Rehabilitation (Supported employment, and other employment related programs and services), Department of Health Care Services (Medi-Cal), Department of Aging and many other agencies.

Governor’s appointees (except for statewide elected offices) can serve at least a year following the appointment, before needing to be confirmed by the State Senate.

Another confirmation hearing – Pete Cervinka, Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Social Services, is scheduled for April 26th, Wednesday at 1:30 PM, at the State Capitol in Room 113, before the Senate Rules Committee. He has served in that position for years, but the title of the position was changed last year, and he was reappointed to that position last May by the Governor, triggering the need for a confirmation hearing and vote by the full State Senate.

[CDCAN Note: Both the appointments of Bargmann and Cervinka are strongly supported by CDCAN and the CA Person Centered Advocacy Partnership]

“NO PLACE LIKE HOME” STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SET TO HOLD FIRST MEETING ON MARCH 23RD – CONFERENCE CALL LINE AVAILABLE

SACRAMENTO, CA [BY MARTY OMOTO, CDCAN LAST UPDATED 03/21/2017 08:25 AM] – The first meeting of the statewide advisory committee of the “No Place Like Home” program is scheduled for March 23, 2017, Thursday, from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, at the California Department of Housing and Community Development office building, 2020 West El Camino Avenue, 4th Floor, Room 402 A/B, Sacramento, CA 95833 (South Natomas area of Sacramento). The meeting is open to the public.

A conference line is available for people – including members of the public – who cannot attend the meeting in person:

CONFERENCE CALL LINE: **888-808-6929**

PARTICIPANT CODE: **2637436**

The “No Place Like Home” Advisory Committee is made up of 15 members, including State agencies, and Governor and legislative appointees. The Advisory Committee was

established, under State law, to assist and advise the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in the implementation of the housing program, review and make recommendations on program guidelines, and review the progress in distributing awards.

The “No Place Like Home” program – was part of a package of budget related bills, signed into law on July 1, 2016.

The legislation provided authorization of \$2 billion in bond proceeds to invest in the development of permanent supportive housing for persons who are in need of mental health services and are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or who are at risk of chronic homelessness. Those persons could have other special needs and disabilities – including developmental.

The bonds are repaid through Mental Health Services Act revenues.

KEY FEATURES OF “NO PLACE LIKE HOME” PROGRAM

- Counties will be eligible applicants (either solely or with a housing development sponsor).
- Funding for permanent supportive housing must utilize low barrier tenant selection practices that prioritize vulnerable populations and offer flexible, voluntary, and individualized supportive services.
- Counties must commit to provide mental health services and help coordinate access to other community-based supportive services

“NO PLACE LIKE HOME” PROGRAM GOALS

According to the presentation meeting materials, the “No Place Like Home” program goals are the following:

- Permanent Supportive Housing to improve quality of life for people who are homeless and experience mental illness
- Housing First
- Flexible, Voluntary, and Individualized Services
- Innovation in Program Services and Delivery
- Continuity of Care
- Housing Projects in Proximity to Community Services
- Framing Paper released with comment period ending in January.

LINKS TO MARCH 23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MATERIALS

AGENDA FOR MARCH 23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – PDF DOCUMENT COPY (2 PAGES):

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/docs/Advisory-Meeting-Agenda-03-23-17.pdf>

PRESENTATION – POWERPOINT:

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/docs/NPLH-power-point-advisory-committee.pptx>

ATTACHMENTS – VARIOUS DOCUMENTS FOR MARCH 23rd MEETING – PDF DOCUMENT COPY (81 PAGES):

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/docs/Advisory-Meeting-Attachments-03-23-17.pdf>

CALENDAR: UPCOMING HEARINGS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

The following is updated calendar of upcoming hearings and meetings impacting people with disabilities, mental health needs, the blind, seniors, low income families and others, compiled by CDCAN:

MARCH 22, 2017 – WEDNESDAY

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE HEARING, at 1:30 PM, State Capitol, Room 113, focusing on confirmation of three Governor’s appointees (required to appear): Nancy Bargmann, Director of the Department of Developmental Services, and two other persons under the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

MARCH 22, 2017 - WEDNESDAY

JOINT HEARING IN FRESNO: ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE AND ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INFORMATIONAL HEARING at 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (note time change) at Fresno City Hall Chambers, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno. Official title of the informational hearing is “The American Health Care Act: What Will It Cost Californians?”

MARCH 22, 2017 - WEDNESDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HEARING, at 2:30 PM, at the State Capitol in Room 444 *****HEARING CANCELLED*****

MARCH 23, 2017 – THURSDAY

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - NO PLACE LIKE HOME PROGRAM – ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 09:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the California Department of Housing and Community Development, 2020 W. El Camino Avenue, 4th Floor, Room 402 A/B, Sacramento, CA 95833. Conference Line 888-808-6929, Participant Code 2637436. This is the first meeting of the statewide advisory committee of the “No Place Like Home Program”

MARCH 23, 2017 – THURSDAY

SENATE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #3 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, at 09:30 AM or upon adjournment of the State Senate floor session, State Capitol, Room 4203. Focus on Department of Managed Health Care budget items and Department of Health Care Services (Medi-Cal budget items and issues, including overview, eligibility, Affordable Care Act, Pharmacy and Denti-Cal)

MARCH 23, 2017 – THURSDAY

SENATE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON EDUCATION, at 09:30 AM or upon adjournment of the State Senate floor session, State Capitol, Room 3191. Focus on Department of Education – Adult Education

MARCH 23, 2017 – THURSDAY

IHSS (IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES) PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER WEBINER ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SICK LEAVE REQUIREMENTS (UNDER SB 3) HOSTED BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADULT PROGRAMS DIVISION, from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. More information about how to register for this webinar will be released soon by the department (CDCAN will send out information as soon as it becomes available).

MARCH 24, 2017 – FRIDAY

SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL HEARING, in San Diego, at 2:30 PM, San Diego State University, Fowler Family Ballroom, Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, 92182, on “The Impact of the American Health Care Act on California: What’s at Stake”.

MARCH 27, 2017 – MONDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES at 2:30 PM, State Capitol in Room 437 (note room change), focus on Department of Health Care Services, selected Medi-Cal budget issues and items. Also Family Health Programs.

MARCH 29, 2017 - WEDNESDAY

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE #1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES at 2:30 PM, State Capitol in Room 444, focus on Department of Social Services – Child Welfare Services and Foster Care, Community Care Licensing. Also: In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) vote only issue regarding IHSS county “Maintenance of Effort” funding impacting counties and IHSS Statewide Authority. [Note: this vote only item was previously scheduled for March 22nd, following a hearing on March 8th – but was rescheduled due to March 22nd informational hearing in Fresno]

MARCH 30, 2017 – THURSDAY

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) FINAL RULE ADVISORY GROUP PUBLIC MEETING at 10:00 AM (to about 3 PM). Location in Sacramento – likely in the California Department of Social Services building - and agenda will be announced (CDCAN will issue as soon as information becomes available)

LINK TO CALCHANNEL

CALCHANNEL LIVE VIDEO STREAM OF HEARINGS (AND FLOOR SESSIONS):
<http://www.calchannel.com/live-webcast/>

__ CALCHANNEL LOCAL CABLE LISTINGS WHERE CALCHANNEL IS BROADCAST ON CABLE TV – NOT ALL HEARINGS ARE BROADCAST):
<http://www.calchannel.com/local-listing/>

CDCAN - MARTY OMOTO YOUTUBE CHANNEL

A CDCAN (Marty Omoto, family member and advocate) youtube channel was set up and has several videos dealing with current – and previous state budget issues, disability and senior rights, and advocacy.

To see the current videos, including March 2014 San Andreas Regional Center Aptos Legislative Breakfast, January 2014 panel discussion on services for adults with autism spectrum and related disorders in Palo Alto, and older videos including video of April 2003 march of over 3,000 people with developmental disabilities, families, providers, regional centers and others from the Sacramento Convention Center to the State Capitol (to attend and testify at budget hearing on proposed massive permanent cuts to regional center funded services, go to the CDCAN (Marty Omoto) Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEySEyhnr9LQRiCe-F7ELhg>

More videos – including new current videos (an interview with longtime advocate Maggie Dee Dowling is planned, among others) – plus archive videos of past events – will be posted soon.

ALERT: PLEASE HELP!!!!!!

MARCH 21, 2017 – TUESDAY MORNING

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