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**Ensuring Fair & Equal Access to Regional Center Services
for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)**

APRIL 30, 2012 (10AM to Noon)
The State Capitol Building; Room 3191

AGENDA

I. Welcome & Opening Remarks (10-10:05AM)

Senator Darrell Steinberg and Members

II. An Overview of California's Services for Individuals with ASD

(10:05-10:20AM)

Terri Delgadillo, *Director, Department of Developmental Disabilities*

1. The Lanterman Act
2. The California Regional Center System – Structure, Operations, Funding, Oversight.

III. Identifying the Gaps & Inequities in Regional Center Services for ASD

(10:20-10:45AM)

Areva Martin, *Martin & Martin & Co-Founder, Special Needs Network;*

Dr. BJ Freeman, *Clinical Psychologist, Professor Emerita, UCLA School of Medicine;*

Martha Matthews, *Directing Attorney, Children's Rights Project, Public Counsel;*

Catherine Blakemore, *Executive Director, Disability Rights California*

1. Public Policy Perspective and an Overview of the Issues
2. The Impact of Disparities in Early Intervention Services on the Lives of Children with ASD and Their Families.
3. A Synopsis of the Data, Information & Studies on the Distribution of Services for ASD and Other Developmental Disabilities.

IV. Regional Centers & Their Systems of Care (10:45-11:10 AM)

Jim Burton, *Executive Director, Regional Center of the East Bay*;
George Stevens, *Executive Director, North Los Angeles County Regional Center*;
Dexter Henderson, *Executive Director, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center*;
Robert Riddick, *Executive Director, Central Valley Regional Center*

1. Regional Center Funding & Services for Individuals with ASD
2. Innovative Approaches to Effective Community Outreach

V. Moving Towards a Solution: Recommendations & Discussion

(11:10-11:45AM)

Dr. Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, *Director, UC Davis Center for Reducing Health Disparities*;
Dr. Barbara Wheeler, *Associate Director, USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Children's Hospital Los Angeles*;
Dr. Jan Blacher, *Distinguished Professor of Education-UC Riverside & Founding Director, SEARCH*;
Rocio deMateo Smith, *Executive Director, Area 5 Board-State Council on Developmental Disabilities*;
Phil Bonnet, *Executive Director, Alta California Regional Center*;
Areva Martin, *Martin & Martin & Co-Founder, Special Needs Network*

VI. Public Comment (11:45-11:55AM)

VI. Closing Comments & Adjournment (11:55AM-12:00PM)