INFORMATIONAL HEARING on SB 946 (STEINBERG):
An Overview on the Implementation of California’s Autism Insurance Mandate Coverage Legislation

March 4, 2014 at 1:30 PM
The State Capitol — Room 4203

Agenda

1) Welcoming Comments — Sen. Steinberg & Committee Members: (1:30-1:35 PM)

2) An Overview of SB 946 (1:35-1:45 PM)
   a. Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC): Ms. Shelley Rouillard
   b. California Department of Insurance (CDI): Mr. Robert Herrell
      i. Explanation of the legislation
      ii. Actions taken in the implementation of SB 946
      iii. Establishing a network of providers for SB 946
      iv. Overview of the DMHC Taskforce findings/recommendations
      v. Monitoring & oversight
      vi. Grievances and appeals
3) The Impact of SB 946 on the Regional Center System (1:45-2:00 PM)

   a. Data & Information Overview: Legislative Analyst’s Office:
      Ms. Rashi Kesarwani & Mr. Shawn Martin
      i. Methods used by the California Health Benefits Review Program to arrive at SB 946 estimates
      ii. SB 946 data currently tracked by the Department of Developmental Services
      iii. Additional data collection that could assist with future SB 946 impact analysis

   b. DDS representative: Ms. Nancy Bargmann & Mr. Jim Knight
      i. Role of DDS in the implementation of SB 946
      ii. Copayment and Coinsurance
      iii. Accessing federal funding for payment of copayments and coinsurance

   c. Regional Center representative: Mr. Rick Rollens – Association of Regional Center Agencies
      i. The role of the regional centers in accessing SB 946 funding.
      ii. Operational challenges and opportunities in the implementation of SB 946
      iii. Update on the co-pays, co-insurance, and deductibles related to SB 946
      iv. The impact of the emergency regulations issued by the DMHC & CDI

4) The Impact of SB 946 on Consumers & Their Families (2:00-2:20 PM)

   a. Representative of Regional Center Consumers: Ms. Marcia Eichelberger–President of the Autism Society of California

   b. Representative of Non-Regional Center Consumers:
      Ms. Kristin Jacobson – Alliance of California Autism Organizations
i. Overview of the Autism Society survey findings and results
ii. Consumers’ knowledge & information
iii. Benefits and savings related to SB 946
iv. Accessing appropriate services in a timely manner
v. Issues related to provider networks
c. Technical Assistance on the Consumer Survey:
   Ms. Beth Burt – President, Autism Society of the Inland Empire

5) SB 946 Implementation: Providing Services and Interventions (2:20-2:40 PM)
   a. Provider Representative: Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh – Center for Autism & Related Disorders
      i. Data & information on “contracting issues”
      ii. Information on network of providers
      iii. Other issues, findings, and recommendations
   b. Health Plan Representative: Mr. Charles Bacchi – California Association of Health Plans
      i. Overview of the implementation of SB 946
      ii. Data and monitoring of SB 946
      iii. Coordination & communication with regional centers

6) Public Testimony (2:40-3:00 PM)

7) Adjournment (3:00 PM)