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
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)