

Summary of Hearing

The Assembly Health Committee (Chairman Bill Monning), Senate Health Committee (Chairman Ed Hernandez), Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health (Chairwoman Holly Mitchell), and Senate Budget Subcommittee on Health (Chairman Mark DeSaulnier) will be having an informational hearing entitled: "Restructuring the Behavioral Health System in California" on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, upon call of the Chairs (approx. 3:30 – 6:30pm) in Room 4202.

The hearing will consist of two parts: (1) The Administration's overarching vision for restructuring behavioral health programs and the policy and fiscal justification for doing so, including oversight of last year's budget action shifting administration of Medi-Cal specialty mental health managed care, the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program, and the Drug Medi-Cal program to the Department of Health Care Services, and, (2) An overview of the Governor's 2012-13 budget proposal to eliminate the Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Programs and define the respective program transfers needed to carry out the remaining programs proposed for restructuring. With regard to the restructuring proposed in the Governor's 2012-13 budget, the focus will include testimony on the policy and fiscal rationale of the various proposed program shifts, the views of affected stakeholders, and the process for providing more details on these budget proposals.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide oversight and information on the Administration's long-term view of reorganizing the delivery of behavioral health services in the state and how all of the moving parts of the various reorganization proposals will come together.

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