Oversight Hearing

Moving Toward Equity: Addressing Disparities in Services Provided by the Regional Center System

March 14, 2017
1:30 p.m. Room 3191

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks
   • Scott Wiener, Chair, Senate Human Services Committee

II. Disparities in Service Provision in the Regional Center System
   • Nancy Bargmann, Director, Department of Developmental Services
   • Amy Westling, Interim Executive Director, Association of Regional Center Agencies

III. Ensuring Cultural Competency and Identifying Systemic Barriers
   • Areva Martin, Founder and President, the Special Needs Network, Inc.
   • Dr. April Lopez, Chair, State Council on Developmental Disabilities
   • Abner Antunez, parent of regional center consumer
   • Tien Nguyen, family member of a regional center consumer
   • Marty Omoto, Founder, California Disability Community Action Network

IV. Identifying Best Practices and Formalizing Next Steps
   • Gloria Wong, Executive Director, East Los Angeles Regional Center
   • Barbara Wheeler, Associate Director, University of Southern California University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
   • Catherine Blakemore, Executive Director, Disability Rights California
   • Amy Westling, Interim Executive Director, Association of Regional Center Agencies
   • Nancy Bargmann, Director, Department of Developmental Services