

ACTIONS TAKEN

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ASSEMBLYMEMBER HOLLY MITCHELL, CHAIR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012

1:30 P.M. - STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 437

ITEMS TO BE HEARD	
ITEM	DESCRIPTION
5180	DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS
ISSUE 1	<p>DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW AND PROGRAM UPDATE</p> <p>This item was included for informational and context-setting purposes. No action is required.</p>
ISSUE 2	<p>DRUG MEDI-CAL TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES</p> <p>In consideration of the proposed trailer bill language, the Subcommittee directed staff to convene a working group to include administration representation and representatives of key stakeholder groups to review the draft trailer bill language to effectuate the transfer of the Drug Medi-Cal program in 2012-13, and to include continuing consultation and reporting requirements to the Legislature during and after the transfer. This might include review of performance toward key milestones, in the interest of transparency and effective oversight during this change.</p> <p>Pursuant to this collaboration, trailer bill language for inclusion in the 2012 Omnibus Human Services trailer bill will be agendized for approval at an upcoming hearing.</p>
ISSUE 3	<p>REALIGNMENT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES</p> <p>The Subcommittee held this issue open pending receipt of the administration's proposed trailer bill language related to program-specific issues for DADP services in realignment and the fiscal superstructure language, all pending from the administration. Realignment of health and human services programs will be the central subject of the Subcommittee's May 2, 2012 hearing.</p>
ISSUE 4	<p>GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS AND TRANSFER ITS FUNCTIONS</p> <p>The Subcommittee rejected the proposal and urged the administration to pursue this administrative and programmatic shift through a vehicle in the policy process. This</p>

alternative forum will provide enhanced ability for the administration and Legislature to work through issues and engage with stakeholders in a more thoughtful, deliberative, and long-term manner than can be achieved in the budget process.

MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Mitchell (Chair)	X			
Chesbro	X			
Grove			X	
Mansoor			X	
Monning	X			
<i>Total</i>	3		2	

Stakeholder feedback and discussions within the Legislature suggest that the administration consider different approaches to this proposal. Some ideas that the Subcommittee heard both in the February 21, 2012 Joint Hearing and through further interaction and discussion with stakeholders include the following:

- That an analysis and timeline on the proposal would be helpful for stakeholders, the Legislature, and the public at large, to discuss and add detail to the rationale on how the DMC transfer and realignment changes segue into a larger contemplation about the shift of DADP functions to one or more departments.
- That a basic framework template be developed to show how stakeholder input is recorded, reviewed, and responded to via whatever process the administration decides to pursue this policy change.
- Ultimately, and after collaboration with internal and external stakeholders, including Legislative staff, that a Transition Plan be made public, striving for consensus with stakeholders on function placement, leadership, milestones, measures, operational steps, and timelines, prior to the pursuit of legislation, to realize the envisioned movement of DADP functions.