
AGENDA ITEM 8

Action

February 25, 2016 Commission Meeting

Senate Bill 614: Medi-Cal: Mental Health Services: Peer, Parent, Transition-Age, and Family Support Specialist Certification

Summary: Adrienne Shilton, MPPA, will provide background and overview on Senate Bill 614 (Leno). This bill, as currently drafted, would require the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish, by July 1, 2017, a statewide peer, parent, transition-age, and family support specialist certification program, as a part of the state's comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder delivery system and the Medi-Cal program. According to a bill analysis prepared for the Assembly, more than 30 states have implemented a peer certification process under their respective Medicaid programs. The County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) is the sponsor of the legislation.

Ms. Shilton is Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for CBHDA. She has worked professionally in the field of mental health policy since 2004 when she joined the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63 or MHSA) campaign. Prior to joining CBHDA, she served as Associate Director of the California Council for Community Mental Health Agencies. Ms. Shilton earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Knox College and a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from California State University, Sacramento.

Presenter: Adrienne Shilton, MPPA, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, CBHDA.

Enclosures: Senate Bill 614, Amended in Assembly August 31, 2015; Assembly Floor Analysis, Senate Third Reading, SB 614 (Leno) As Amended August 31, 2015.

Handout: A PowerPoint will be presented at the meeting.

Recommended Action: Staff requests direction from the Commission regarding Senate Bill 614.

Proposed Motion: The Commission directs the MHSOAC Executive Director to send Senator Leno's Office a letter supporting the principles of Peer Certification.