

**ALAMEDA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'  
PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATION  
COMMITTEE**

**Monday, September 8, 2014  
1:30 p.m.**

**Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair  
Supervisor Wilma Chan**

Location: **Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5<sup>th</sup> floor**  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

**Summary/Action Minutes**

**I. Federal Legislative Update**

The House and Senate returned to Washington today from their August recess. The House is expected to be in session until September 19, 2014 and the Senate will be in session until September 23, 2014.

The one must-pass piece of legislation is a continuing resolution that will keep most federal agencies running through the new fiscal year that begins on October 1, 2014.

The House plans to take up several bills focused on jobs and energy and will send to the Senate who they will label as obstructionist. The Senate plans to hold several procedural votes on politically charged legislation including: campaign finance reform, the minimum wage, and college affordability.

President Obama will address the country on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, regarding a possible strategy for dealing with Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL).

**FY15 Appropriations**

Congress must approve a Continuing Resolution (CR) that will be needed to fund the federal government into the new fiscal year that begins on October 1, 2014, since Congress has not passed any FY15 appropriations bills.

The CR that House Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers will bring to the floor is expected to extend current funding for most federal government programs through mid-December. Congress would then return to appropriations legislation during the lame-duck session following the mid-term elections. The House is expected to act first, but the Senate will be prepared to take up and pass its own legislation if Speaker Boehner is unable to convince sufficient numbers in his caucus to support the bill. . Plans to quickly move a CR during the brief September session reflect both Speaker Boehner's and Senate Majority Leader Reid's intent to avoid any replay of the FY14 funding crisis last year that resulted in a 16-day federal government shutdown.

**Immigration**

President Obama announced in June that he was directing White House staff to recommend possible executive actions on immigration reform by the end of the summer. On Saturday, President Obama announced he would defer any action until at least November.

**Purpose:**

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position

**Other: Federal legislative update**

## **II. State Legislative Update**

### **1115 Waiver**

On Thursday, September 11, 2014, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will host an all-day meeting to discuss the renewal of the State's 1115 Waiver. In August, they hosted a webinar and released some draft ideas. Thursday will be the first opportunity for advocates to public comment on the draft and give ideas on the Waiver. The Department will offer status updates on the Coordinated Care Initiative, Medi-Cal eligibility, enrollment and benefits and the Drug Medi-Cal Waiver. The current waiver expires October 31, 2015 and DHCS intends to submit the renewal early next year.

### **Autism Therapy Coverage**

The State tentatively plans to offer Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with autism or on the autism spectrum as a Medi-Cal benefit starting September 15, 2014, retroactively to July 7, 2014. The children who were moved from the Healthy Families program into Medi-Cal, were unexpectedly no longer eligible for the therapy provided in 21 regional centers across the State. On July 7, 2014, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released guidance cementing ABA therapy as a requirement under Medi-Cal. Approximately 4,000- and 6,000 children will be eligible for the therapy. Two remaining issues are the determination of provider rates and the policy surrounding how many hours of therapy children will receive. Some of children receiving ABA therapy can be mainstreamed while an additional 40% show marked improvements in their behavior after receiving therapy.

### **Coordinated Care Initiative**

In August of 2014, the State won a lawsuit in California Superior Court that attempted to block the duals demonstration project (Cal MediConnect) under the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) from proceeding. Another lawsuit was filed last week in federal court in Los Angeles and objects to the passive enrollment process Cal MediConnect is utilizing. California has about 1.1 million individuals that are dually eligible for MediCare and Medi-al. MediConnect aims to enroll almost 500,000 of those individuals to participate in managed care. The passive enrollment process moves beneficiaries into managed care if they do not respond to notices allowing them to opt out of the program. The beneficiaries are sometimes unaware that their health plan and doctor have changed, making it more difficult for them to obtain the care that they need.

### **Disadvantaged Communities**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is scheduled to take action on September 18, 2014, in Sacramento on interim guidance to maximize the benefits of cap & trade funds to disadvantaged communities. The deadline to submit written comment is Monday, September 15, 2014 at 5:00 pm. This is the culmination of three workshops that CARB and Cal PEA held and the final workshop was held in Oakland last week.

Comments may be submitted on the adequacy of using the CalEnviroScreen process as the tool used to identify disadvantaged communities and on CARB's draft criteria for identifying a proposed project's benefit to disadvantaged communities.

### **Sustainable Freight Strategy**

CARB has announced a series of workshops to discuss its Sustainable Freight Strategy plan. The first workshop will be held on September 11, 2014 in Sacramento, followed by a workshop on September 15, 2014 in Oakland at MTC from 6-8 pm.

CARB staff has been working closely with Caltrans and its California Freight Advisory Committee in an effort to coordinate this planning effort. The goal of CARB's strategy is to develop funding programs and regulations that will improve efficiency and increase the use of zero or near-zero emission vehicles.

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**Request for Legislation Position – Action Items**

**i. Oakland Measure FF – City of Oakland Minimum Wage Increase Initiative**

*Recommendation: Support:* Alex Briscoe, Director, Health Care Services Agency

**ii. Oakland Measure N – Oakland Unified School District College and Career Readiness for All Act**

*Recommendation: Support:* Alex Briscoe, Director, Health Care Services Agency

**iii. AB 1614 (Stone) Electronic Transfers: Payments and Benefits**

*Recommendation: Support:* Lori Cox, Director, Social Services Agency

**Purpose:**

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

**Recommendation from PAL Committee: Approve. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.**

**III. Alameda County Affirmative Action Plan – 2014 – Action Item [attachment](#)**

Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator, County Administrator's Office presented the 2014 Affirmative Action Plan (AAP) for Alameda County. The AAP monitors the County's employment practices to ensure that they are non-discriminatory. It also serves as a living document in the attainment of full utilization of groups that have been historically excluded from the workforce. The AAP is prepared and published annually as required by law and addresses deficiencies and progress made on a yearly basis. The County Administrator's Office recommends that the Committee approve the 2014 AAP and forward to the full Board of Supervisors for approval.

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- Other

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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