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MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: Assembly Members Noreen Evans, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Human Services, and Karen Bass, Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Foster Care, will convene a joint informational hearing to provide an update on the status of recent foster care reforms.

WHO: Assembly Member Noreen Evans (D-Santa Rosa)
Assembly Member Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles)
Members of the Assembly Committee on Human Services
Members of the Assembly Select Committee on Foster Care

WHEN: Tuesday, March 7, 2006
1:30 p.m.

WHERE: State Capitol
Room 437
Sacramento, CA

NOTE: **FULL AGENDA BELOW**

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FOSTER CARE: AN UPDATE ON RECENT REFORMS

Joint Informational Hearing Assembly Committee On Human Services Assembly Select Committee On Foster Care

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

1:30 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 437
Sacramento, California

AGENDA

I. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Assemblymember Noreen Evans, Chair
Assemblymember Ray Haynes, Vice Chair
Assembly Committee on Human Services

Assemblymember Karen Bass, Chair
Assemblymember Bill Maze, Vice-Chair
Assembly Select Committee on Foster Care

Other members of Human Services, and Select Committee on Foster Care

II: Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act (AB 636)

History and Progress:

- ❖ California Department of Social Services (10 minutes)
The Concepts and Philosophy Behind AB 636
Ms. Mary Ault, Deputy Director, CDSS Children and Family Services Division
- ❖ County Welfare Directors Association of California (20 minutes)
County-Close-Up – How AB 636 Was Implemented In Orange County.

Panel Presentations with 15 minutes (total) Follow-up Discussion

- ❖ Ms. Barbara Needell, M.S.W., Ph.D. (15 minutes)
Performance Indicators for Child Welfare Services
- ❖ Mr. Curt Child, Senior Attorney, National Center for Youth Law
A County-by-County Analysis of Performance (10 minutes)
- ❖ Mr. Stuart Oppenheim, Executive Director, Child and Family Policy Institute of California
Statewide Analysis and Review of County System Improvement Plans (10 minutes)

III. Foster Care Implementation: Status Report on Selected Bills

- ❖ Department of Social Services
Update on Implementation of Select Foster Care Legislation Passed Between 2000 and 2005 (10 minutes)
- ❖ Ms. Miriam Krinsky, Executive Director, Children's Law Center of L.A.
Implementation Challenges and Systematic Improvements (10 minutes)
- ❖ Ms. Lisa Chin, Governmental Relations Advocate, SEIU
Implementation from the Social Worker Perspective (10 minutes)
- ❖ Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez, Legislative and Policy Coordinator, California Youth Connection
Implementation from the Foster Youth Perspective (10 minutes)

IV. Public Comment (15 minutes)
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