

# California Legislature

## Addressing the Behavioral Needs of Children in Care: Mental Health Services for Foster Youth

### Joint Informational Hearing Assembly Committee on Human Services and Assembly Select Committee on Foster Care

Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio, Chair  
Assemblymember Ken Cooley, Chair

October 23, 2018  
1:30pm, State Capitol Room 437

- I. Opening remarks by the Chairs and members
- II. Mental health needs of foster youth
  1. Katarina Kabick, MSW student, UC Berkeley
  2. Wendy B. Smith, PhD, LCSW, Distinguished Continuing Scholar in Child Welfare, University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
- III. Mental health services for foster youth
  1. Ben Johnson, Senior Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office
  2. Kim Suderman, LCSW, Consultant to the County Behavioral Health Directors Association
  3. Dianna Wagner, Branch Director, Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency
  4. Deborah Silver, Division Chief, High Risk Services, Department of Children and Family Services, Los Angeles County
  5. Laura Heintz, Psy.D., Chief Executive Officer, Stanford Youth Solutions
  6. Steve Elson, Chief Executive Officer, Casa Pacifica
- IV. Key challenges and opportunities
  1. Cathy Senderling, Deputy Executive Director, County Welfare Directors Association of California
  2. Maire Mullaly, MPP, JD, Mental Health Attorney Liaison, Children's Law Center of Los Angeles
  3. Ken Berrick, Chief Executive Officer, Seneca Family of Agencies
- V. Public comment
- VI. Closing remarks by the Chairs and members