

**Assembly Human Services Committee
Informational Hearing
on
Foster Caregiver Recruitment and Retention
Challenges, Lessons Learned and Next Steps**

**Tuesday, October 14, 2014
1:30p.m. -Norwalk City Council Chambers**

OPENING REMARKS

Assemblymember Mark Stone, Chair

I. OVERVIEW OF LAWS AND DATA

Cathy Senderling – California Welfare Directors Association
Emily Putnam-Hornstein – USC School of Social Work
Marymichael Miatovich-Smrdelli – Judicial Counsel of California, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

II. FAMILY FINDING, RELATIVE IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITIZATION

Judge Margaret Henry – Juvenile Division, Los Angeles Superior Court
Phillip Browning, Director – Los Angeles County Department of Child and Family Services
Kevin Campbell, Expert Consultant/Trainer and Author of the Family Finding Model – Seneca Center
Laura Streimer, Legal Director – Alliance for Children's Rights
Bob Ruble – Former Relative Caregiver
Malyka Ivra – California Youth Connection

III. FOSTER CAREGIVER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Phillip Browning, Director – Los Angeles County Department of Child and Family Services
Leslie Heimov, Executive Director – Children's Law Center of California
Jennifer Rodriguez, Executive Director – Youth Law Center
Kathy Hughes, President and Chief Executive Officer – ChildNet Youth and Family Services
Amy Burkholder – Non-Relative Caregiver
Jennifer Martinez – California Youth Connection

PUBLIC COMMENT