

## DDS Legislative Update – February 15, 2012

### Two Upcoming Public Hearings – Appropriations Committee *and* Program Review and Investigations Committee

The Department of Developmental Services will testify on the Governor's proposed budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) before the Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 9:30 AM in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building (LOB).

The **Appropriations Committee** is holding a public hearing on the Governor's proposed budget adjustments for FY13 in [H.B. No. 5014 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013](#). This bill contains proposed budget adjustments for the Department of Developmental Services. **The public is welcome to testify on the DDS proposed budget adjustments at the evening public hearing.** Please see below for the public hearing information.

**The Appropriations Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 5:00 PM in Room 2C of the LOB.** Public speaker order for the public hearing will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM in the LOB First Floor Atrium and from 10:15 AM until 1:00 PM in Room 2700. The list of speakers registered through the lottery system will be posted outside the designated hearing room two hours prior to the start of the public hearing. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. **On February 22<sup>nd</sup> the Committee will provide a separate sign-up sheet for persons with special needs.** Those speakers will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. The Committee Chairs will alternate between the special needs list and the standard list until the special needs list has been exhausted. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes of testimony. Please submit 25 copies of written testimony at the time of sign-up. Testimony delivered after the start of a hearing may not be distributed until the following day. The Committee will accept electronic testimony via email as a Word or PDF attachment at [appropriationtestimo@cga.ct.gov](mailto:appropriationtestimo@cga.ct.gov) to enable posting on the Committee's website and inclusion in the hearing transcript. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

At the February 22<sup>nd</sup> public hearing, public testimony will be heard on the following state agencies: Department of Public Health, **Department of Developmental Services**, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, and the Psychiatric Security Review Board along with several other state agencies and commissions.

The **Program Review and Investigations Committee** is holding a public hearing on [H.B. No. 5036 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SELECTED SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY](#). This bill's provisions would enact some of the committee's recommendations in their study **Provision of Selected Services for Clients with Intellectual Disabilities**. Please see below for the public hearing information.

**The Program Review and Investigations Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. in Room 2D of the LOB.** Please submit 25 copies of written testimony to Committee staff one hour prior to the start of the hearing in the 2nd Floor breakout area of the LOB. **Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 12:00 PM in the 2nd Floor breakout area of the LOB.** The first hour of the hearing is reserved for the public, with the second hour reserved for Legislators, State Agency Representatives, and Municipal Chief Elected Officials, alternating thereafter. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.