

## DDS Legislative Update – February 6, 2013

### The Governor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years (FY) 2014 and 2015

The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 was released on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Below are links to three budget documents.

[Department of Developmental Services Budget Summary](#)

[Department of Developmental Services Budget-in-Detail](#)

[Governor's Proposed Budget for FY14 and FY15](#)

**The Governor's proposed two-year budget is just the beginning of the budget process.** This proposed budget will be given public hearings in the Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations and the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committees will pass their version of a budget in April. Then the Governor and the legislature will negotiate a consensus budget that must be passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor.

### Information on the Appropriations Committee Public Hearings on the Governor's Proposed Budget

The General Assembly's Appropriations Committee will hold public hearings on the various parts of the Governor's proposed budget the weeks of February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup>. **The public hearing for the Health and Hospitals section of the budget which includes the DDS budget is scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2013 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building.** The schedule for that Friday includes a budget presentation from DDS beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB. **Below is a schedule of state agency budget presentations for February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

#### Friday, February 15 Health and Hospitals (Room 2D)

9:30- 10:30 AM Department of Public Health

**10:30-11:30 Department of Developmental Services**

11:30-12:30 PM Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

12:30- 1:00 Department of Veterans Affairs

Agency Budget Presentations (Room 2C) 4:30-5:00 PM

Psychiatric Security Review Board

Office of the Medical Examiner

**Health and Hospitals Public Budget Hearings (Room 2C) 5:00 PM**

**Below is information from the Appropriations Committee on the when, where and how of sign-up and testifying before the committee.** Please note (highlighted below) that for the February 15<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup> public hearings, the Appropriations Committee has made accommodations for persons with disabilities and their families.

The Appropriations Committee will hold state agency budget presentations and public hearings from **Wednesday, February 13, 2013** through **Friday, February 22, 2013**, to be held at the times and locations listed below. Public speaker order for the public hearings will be determined

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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 15 and 22 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 at [appropriationtestimo@cga.ct.gov](mailto:appropriationtestimo@cga.ct.gov) for posting on the Committee's website and inclusion in the hearing transcript. All public hearing testimony, written & spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and will be indexed by internet search engines. **For the February 15 and February 22 public hearings, Room 2D will be reserved for individuals with special needs who need a quiet space while waiting to testify.** Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

**Complete budget hearing information is at:**

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/APP/docs/2013/2013%20Budget%20Hearing%20Schedule%20for%20Publication.pdf>

### **DDS Legislative List of Bills Being Tracked as of February 5, 2013**

Below is a link to the list of bills DDS is tracking and assessing as of February 5, 2013 that may be of interest to or may have a potential impact on DDS consumers, families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS providers.

### **[DDS Legislative List of Bills Being Tracked – February 5, 2013](#)**

**Link to the DDS Legislative Affairs Webpage**

<http://www.ct.gov/dds/cwp/view.asp?a=2039&q=394202>