



Informational Hearing of the Assembly Select Committee on Mental and Behavioral Health and Proposition 63 Implementation

“Autism and Co-occurring Mental Health Disorders in Communities of Color”

Friday, April 10, 2015

9:45 am

California African American Museum
Los Angeles, CA

I. Introduction

- **Assemblyman Sebastian Ridley-Thomas**
Chair, Select Committee on Mental & Behavioral Health and Prop. 63 Implementation
- **John Buck**
Vice Chairman, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

II. **PANEL 1:** This panel will focus on the current state of funding for Autism services linked with co-occurring mental health disorders and the ways in which Proposition 63 can be used to fund these services.

- **Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.**
Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
- **Shelton Dent**
Branch Manager, Programs and Policy Branch, Department of Developmental Services

III. **PANEL 2:** This panel will focus on the needs of the community and the benefits derived from the usage of Proposition 63 funds for Autism and co-occurring mental health services.

- **Helen M. DuPlessis, MD, MPH**
Chief Medical Officer, St. John's Well Child and Family Centers
- **Carlos N. Pato, MD, PhD**
Franz Alexander Professor, Chair, Department of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences, Keck School of Medicine at USC
- **Olga Zysman, MFT**
Senior Director of Outpatient Services & Programs, The Help Group

IV. Public Comment

V. Closing Statements