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Resolution for Legislative Budget Committee May Revision Proposal to Discontinue Lanterman-Petris-Short Department of State Hospital Contracts with Counties - Oppose

Whereas,

The Legislative Budget Committee May Revision proposal to discontinue State Hospital contracts with counties for Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) conservatees over three years would effectively close the State Hospital to LPS conservatees in two months' time and put close to a thousand LPS conservatees throughout the state at risk;

Whereas,

The population of LPS conservatees currently receiving treatment are among the most vulnerable and high-risk LPS conservatees in the state;

Whereas,

A significant portion of the population counties contract with the State Hospitals to serve are Murphy Conservatees, who, in addition to being found mentally incompetent under the LPS Act, have been charged with felonies involving death, great bodily harm, or a serious threat to the physical well-being of another person;

Whereas,

Counties are concerned that this change in policy will result in significant harm to our patients and local communities without better forethought, planning, and dedicated resources, including cooperative state and local planning to ensure the availability of appropriate county operated or contracted facilities, psychiatrists, and other properly trained treatment providers to accept these individuals and serve their needs;

Whereas,

The County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Urban Counties of California (UCC), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), California State Association of Public Administrators, Public Guardians, and Public Conservators (CAPAGPC) have taken an Oppose position in recognition of the potential risks the extremely vulnerable LPS conservatees population and public safety;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

- 1) SCPS takes an Oppose position
- 2) SCPS shall advise PPAC to take an Oppose position
- 3) SCPS shall publish its Oppose position in its newsletter, along with the current PPAC position.