



Legislative Update #42 December 2, 2009

The Governor has called for a Special Session of the legislature on December 15th to address the deficit. We do not yet know when the Special Session will convene. We will send more information as it becomes available. However, there are a few hearings coming up in the next few weeks that may be of interest to the behavioral health community.

- **Wednesday, December 9, Room 2C**

11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. Informational Forum on the **Governor's Proposed Deficit Mitigation Plan** (copy attached). OPM Secretary Bob Genuario will appear before the committee to give an overview of the plan and to answer questions.

2:00 p.m. Public Hearing on the Governor's Proposed Deficit Mitigation Plan and the Impact of the Governor's Rescissions.

- **Thursday, December 14, 2009 at 12:30 p.m., Room 2B of the LOB**

The Committee on Enhancing Agency Outcomes has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday December 14th at 12:30 pm in room 2B at the LOB. This is not a traditional public hearing per se; the intent is to hear detailed testimony/suggestions on specific proposals.

The Committee has issued a report (copy attached) that may impact the way DMHAS and other state agencies conduct their business over the next few years, along with details on sign-ups. Sign-ups to testify will be done by "lottery" and will begin on Wednesday, December 9 in the GAE Committee office (Room 2200). Interested speakers must be present in person to get a lottery number; requests will not be taken by phone or e-mail.

Lastly, the Committee will be accepting proposals online through the Committee's website at: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/gae/CEAO/default.asp> (the "online forum feedback section") or by e-mail at jared.kupiec@cga.ct.gov.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Committee clerk directly:

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