


MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 25, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #5(b)(2)(P) – AB 488 (Kiley) Mental Health Services Act

Background:

This bill would establish the Mental Health Services Fund Transparency and Accountability Office (Office) within the California Health and Human Services Agency. The bill would also transfer various functions and authority from the Department of Health Care Services to the Office, including all the duties, powers, responsibilities, and jurisdiction, vested in DHCS, regarding oversight of the Mental Health Services Fund. Lastly, this bill would require the Office to initiate investigations, advise counties, conduct research, and report to the Legislature on any additional authority it deems necessary to complete its duties to ensure county compliance with the Mental Health Services Act.

Staff spoke to the author's office and was informed that this bill is a 2-year bill and will not be moving for the remainder of this legislative year. Staff will continue to watch the bill until it is taken up next year.

Location: Assembly Committee on Health

Status: 2/27/2017 Referred to Assembly Committee on Health

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 488 (Kiley) for potential improvements to the oversight of the Mental Health Services Fund and programs funded by the Mental Health Services Fund.