

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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To Laura Rose:

Under current law, there is only one mandatory member of a county community programs board, and that is a recipient of mental health services or a family member of that individual. The bill, as I read it, creates four mandatory members: 1) a recipient of services; 2) a family member of a recipient of services; 3) a law enforcement officer; and 4) a hospital employee or representative. I assume the reason the number of members is increased only by two and not three is to keep an odd number. However, the notes describing the bill do not mention the family member as a mandatory member, and I believe the family member position should be mentioned in the notes and the relating clause.

As we discussed, the term “intellectual disability” is a substitute for the term “mental retardation” and not “developmental disability.” Therefore, the language in the bill restricts the members of the board representing those with a developmental disability to only those diagnosed with mental retardation, now known as intellectual disability. Is this the intent of the committee?

Should you have any questions or wish to address the issues raised in this note, please contact me.

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