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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Thursday, August 27, 2015, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on mandatory overtime for nurses and psychiatric technicians who work in state prisons, state hospitals and developmental centers, as well as nurses who work in California veterans homes. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

As part of this review, the Commission will examine options for better balancing staffing needs and managing costs in state facilities and other opportunities to improve patient care and working conditions.

At this hearing the Commission will hear from the unions that represent the nurses and psychiatric technicians, as well as nurses and psychiatric technicians who work in state facilities. These employees and their union representatives will describe the challenges they face and safety issues that arise when they work mandatory overtime shifts. The Commission also will hear from a panel of representatives from California Correctional Health Care Services, the receiver appointed by the courts in the long-standing lawsuit over prison medical treatment, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Another panel will include representatives from the Department of State Hospitals, the Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Each department leader will describe the scheduling and resource challenges that have led to mandatory overtime being used as a general staffing tool. They also will present opportunities for operational improvements that could maintain patient care and patient and staff safety while reducing the need for mandatory overtime.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments. Immediately following the hearing, the Commission will hold a business meeting in the legislative counsel conference room located on the lower level of 925 L Street in Sacramento.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Thursday, August 20, 2015.



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Public Hearing on Mandatory Overtime
Thursday, August 27, 2015
State Capitol, Room 437
Sacramento

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Public Hearing: 9 a.m.

Nurses Perspective

1. Margarita Maldonado, Vice President for Bargaining, SEIU Local 1000 and Luisa Luema, Licensed Vocational Nurse, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Correctional Health Care Services and member of SEIU Local 1000

Psychiatric Technician Perspective

2. Coby Pizzotti, Consultant, California Association of Psychiatric Technicians (CAPT), Eric Soto, CAPT Chapter President and Psychiatric Technician, Metropolitan State Hospital, City of Norwalk, and Lessie Moore, CAPT Chapter Vice President and Psychiatric Technician, Patton State Hospital, City of San Bernardino

Mandatory Overtime in State Correctional Facilities

3. Cheryl Schutt, Statewide Chief Nurse Executive and Joyce Hayhoe, Director of Legislation and Communications, California Correctional Health Care Services
4. Kelly Harrington, Director, Division of Adult Institutions, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

State Hospitals, Developmental Centers and Veterans Homes

5. Lupe Alonzo-Diaz, Deputy Director of Administrative Services, California Department of State Hospitals
6. Dwayne LaFon, Deputy Director (A), Developmental Centers Division, California Department of Developmental Services
7. Beth Miller, Chief of Research and Program Review, Veterans Homes Division, California Department of Veterans Affairs

Business Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 2015
Legislative Counsel Conference Room
925 L Street, Lower Level
Sacramento, CA 95814

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair).

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2015
- II. Project Selection
- III. Implementation
- IV. Reports from California State Auditor's Office
- V. Salton Sea Letter
 - a) Public Comment