



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AREA BOARD 10

*Protecting and Advocating for Persons with
Developmental Disabilities in Los Angeles County*

May 17, 2010

The Honorable Wesley Chesbro
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 2176
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2702 (Chesbro)
Position: Support**

Dear Assembly Member Chesbro,

Developmental Disabilities Area Board 10 is a state agency mandated to protect and assert the legal, civil, and service rights of people with developmental disabilities in Los Angeles County. California has a system of 13 Area Boards, covering all regions of the state. It is on behalf of our Board of Directors and over 70,000 people with a developmental disability who reside in Los Angeles County that I write today to convey our support for AB 2702 (Chesbro).

AB 2702 (Chesbro) requires regional centers to ensure, relative to individual program plans (IPP) and individualized family service plans (IFSP), that decisions are made by the planning team, unless otherwise permitted by law.

This requirement strengthens the role of the planning team when developing or changing an IPP or IFSP. We anticipate this will lead to less unilateral decision-making by regional centers and require additional consultation with the planning team.

We thank you for your consideration of our input. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Cathy Blin, Chair
Governmental Affairs Committee

cc: Honorable Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee
Mr. Geoff Long, Chief Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Honorable Members of the Assembly Human Services Committee
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