


MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 25, 2017
TO	Board of Psychology
FROM	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #5(b)(2)(O) – AB 477 (Ridley-Thomas) Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Panel

Background:

This bill would establish the Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Panel, as an independent, statewide advisory board to provide ongoing advice and assistance on behavioral health program needs and priorities to the California Health and Human Services Agency, including making recommendations on actions to improve the collaboration and processes of the multiple agencies involved in California's behavioral health delivery system. The bill would require the panel to annually report to the Legislature on its accomplishments, effectiveness, and efficiency, including any recommendations for statutory changes needed to improve the effective delivery of behavioral health services in the state.

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: 4/25/2017 In committee, set first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 477 due to its potential to improve interagency coordination and cooperation that would improve the delivery of behavioral health services to California consumers.