Biographical Information for the Members of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)

Wesley Chesbro, Arcata, elected to represent the 2nd Senate District in 1998 after serving as a Humboldt County Supervisor, Arcata City Council member, and member of the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Chesbro serves as Chair of the Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee. He also Chairs the Senate Select Committee on Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health and serves as a member of the Senate Health Committee and Senate Human Services Committee. Chesbro is a Democrat. *(State Senate appointment.)*

Carmen Diaz, Los Angeles, a family advocate coordinator with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health since 2001. Diaz was previously a parent advocate with the Strength Based Family Centered pilot program at MacLaren Children's Center with the Los Angeles County Department of Children. Diaz is a member of United Advocates for Children of California Board of Directors and is a member of the California Family Partnership Association. Diaz is a Democrat. *(Family member of a child with severe mental illness.)*

F. Jerome Doyle, Los Gatos, President and Chief Executive Officer of EMQ, a provider of mental health services for children and adolescents, since 1987. Doyle was previously the executive director of Eastfield Children's Center, served in the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services Division of Family Services and was director of the Chase House, a residential program for adolescent boys in Madison, Wisconsin. Doyle is a past president of the California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies and currently serves on the board of directors. He is a member of the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the California Alliance for Children and Family Services and serves on the board of California Mental Health Advocates for Children. Doyle is a Democrat. *(Mental Health professional.)*

Saul Feldman, D.P.A., San Francisco, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of United Behavioral Health since 1997. Feldman was previously president and CEO of Health America Corporation of California, a federally qualified group and staff model health maintenance organization. He is a member of the American Psychological Association, the founder and former president of the American College of Mental Health Administration and president of Bay Area Foundation for Human Resources. Feldman is a Democrat. *(Health Care Plan insurer.)*
Linford Gayle, Pacifica, has over 14 years experience in supervisory and case management positions in the supportive housing, homeless and substance abuse fields. Gayle is currently a mental health program specialist at San Mateo County Mental Health Services. He was previously health program coordinator for San Francisco Behavioral Health Services and a substance abuse counselor for Resolve to Stop the Violence Program. Gayle is registered decline-to-state. (Consumer.)

Mary Hayashi, Castro Valley, President of the Iris Alliance Fund since 2001. Hayashi was previously a consultant to the Foundation Consortium for California's Children and Youth. She is a member of the board of directors for Planned Parenthood Golden Gate and the Board of Registered Nursing. Hayashi is a Democrat. (Employer of 500 or fewer employees.)

Patrick Henning, West Sacramento, legislative advocate for the California Council of Laborers. Henning was previously assistant secretary for legislation and intergovernmental affairs at the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, deputy director for the Department of Industrial Relations and special advisor and congressional liaison to President Bill Clinton. He is a member of the Career Technical Education Standards and Framework Advisory Group and the California Assembly Speaker's Commission on Labor Education. Henning is a Democrat. (Labor representative.)

Karen Henry, Granite Bay, retired in 2001 after 25 years of experience in the field of labor and employment law. Henry was most recently in private practice as a sole-practitioner and was previously a partner in the law firms Weissberg & Aronson and Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff & Tichey. She was also a labor relations coordinator with Affiliated Hospitals of San Francisco and the director of research programs for the California Nurses Association. She is a member of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) and is a member of the board of directors for NAMI, California. Henry is a Republican. (Consumer.)

Gary Jaeger, M.D., Harbor City, Chief of Addiction Medicine at Kaiser Foundation Hospital, South Bay. As a member of Southern California Permanente Medical Group, Jaeger is also the regional chair of the Transitional Residential Recovery Service Committee and the Behavioral Health Management Information Systems Committee. He was previously in private practice and the medical director of family recovery services at St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka. He is a member of the American and the California Society of Addiction Medicine, the California Medical Association and is a member and former chair of the California Healthcare Association's Behavioral Health Advisory Board. Jaeger is a Democrat. (Physician.)

William Kolender, San Diego, San Diego County Sheriff since 1995, currently serving his third term. Kolender was previously director of the Department of
Youth Authority and chief of the San Diego Police Department. He is a member of the Board of Corrections, president of the California State Sheriffs Association, the California representative on the board of the Western States Information Network and a former president of the Community College Board of Governors. Kolender is a Republican. (County Sheriff.)

**Kelvin Lee, Ed.D.,** Roseville, Superintendent of the Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District since 1977. Lee began his career in education as a middle school teacher in the Grant Joint Union Elementary School district. He is a member of the board of directors for EdSource and the National Clearing House for Educational Facilities. He has served as the chairperson of the Roseville City Council’s Growth Task Force and the Roseville Healthy City Coalition. Lee is a former member of the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Placer County and is currently on the board of the Coalition for Adequate School Housing. Lee is a Republican. (School Superintendent.)

**Bill Lockyer,** Hayward, elected as the 30th California Attorney General in 1998 and reelected in 2002. Lockyer was president of the National Association of Attorneys General from 2003 to 2004. A former teacher, he served on the San Leandro School Board from 1968 to 1973. In 1973, he was elected to the State Assembly. In 1982, he was elected to the State Senate. He served as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1985 to 1994. In 1994, he was elected President pro Tempore of the California State Senate. Lockyer is a Democrat. (Attorney General.)

**Andrew Poat,** San Diego, Director of the Government Relations department for the City of San Diego. Poat previously served as chief deputy director of the California Department of Transportation, deputy cabinet secretary to Governor Pete Wilson, undersecretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency and deputy director of the United States Office of Consumer Affairs. He is a member of the board of directors for LEAD San Diego and the past chair of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee. He is also mentor at Monarch High School in San Diego, a member of the Downtown Rotary and a member of the public policy committee for the San Diego Gay and Lesbian Center. Poat is a Republican. (Representative of an employer of more than 500 employees.)

**Darlene Prettyman,** Bakersfield, a certified psychiatric nurse and currently Director of Government Relations for the Anne Sippi Clinic. Prettyman previously was a nurse manager and responsible for community outreach at Good Samaritan Hospital and nurse coordinator and program director of the children/adolescent unit at Charter Hospital. She is a member of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) and is past president and a member of NAMI California’s board of directors. She is also a member of the American College of Mental Health Administration and is past chairman and a member of the California Mental Health Planning Council. Prettyman is a Republican. (Family member of an adult with severe mental illness.)
Mark Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles, elected to the 48th Assembly District in 2002 after serving on the Los Angeles City Council for nearly a dozen years. Ridley-Thomas is a member of the Assembly Health Committee. He serves as the Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on the Los Angeles County Health Care Crisis, a legislative research committee exploring the challenges facing the Los Angeles public health care delivery system. Ridley-Thomas is a Democrat. (State Assembly appointment.)

Darrell Steinberg, Sacramento, Attorney with Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos, Rudy LLP as a member of the firm’s Government Relations and Ethics group. Steinberg previously served three terms in the California State Assembly representing the 9th District, which includes most of the capital city of Sacramento. During his tenure in the Assembly, Steinberg served as Chair of the Assembly Committees on Budget, Appropriations, Judiciary, Labor and Employment, and the Select Committee on High Priority Schools. He also served as a member of the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committees. Steinberg is a Democrat. (Appointee of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.)