

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: RSH Conference Room., 1st Floor, West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Legislative Action Follow-Up

Updates from staff on legislation previously reviewed by the Subcommittee, including the following:

- Pay Check Fairness Act
- S.1152/H.R.2460 (Kennedy, DeLauro) The Healthy Families Act

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of New State and Federal Legislation Affecting Women

The Subcommittee will review bills introduced in the State Legislature and Congress that address the Women's Advisory Board's stated legislative priorities of women's health, violence against women and pay equity.

Women's Health

1. Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2009

The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2009 (S.688) amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan that provides medical and surgical benefits to ensure that inpatient (and in the case of a lumpectomy, outpatient) coverage and radiation therapy are provided for breast cancer treatment.ⁱ

2. Insurance Coverage for BRCA 1 or BRCA 2 Genetic Marker Testing

Some healthcare policy advocates are pushing for legislation requiring all insurance companies to provide coverage for BRCA gene testing upon recommendation from a medical professional. BRAC is the breast cancer susceptibility gene.

Recommendation: Review and Discussion. Make recommendations for possible action by the WAB as appropriate.

B. Review of California State Budget Cuts affecting Women’s Health

Recommendation: Review and Discussion.

C. Economic Impacts on Retirement Accounts and Pension Funds

Brief discussion and review on how women are adversely affected by policies regarding retirement accounts and pension funds.

Recommendation: Review and Discussion.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Subcommittee will adjourn to its next scheduled meeting on Monday, December 14, 2009 at West Hollywood City Hall.

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ⁱ Open Congress - S. 688 Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2009 Official Summary. Retrieved 10/30/09 from <http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-s688/show>