Committee Members Present:
Brenda Premo
Valerie Agostino
Patricia Blaisdell
Curt Child
Tamaran Cook (phone)
Susan DeMaroils
Michael Humphrey
Kathy Kelly
Peter Mendoza
Marty Omoto
Michelle Rousey
Timothy Schwab
Robert Taylor

State Staff Present:
Diana Dooley (CHHS)
Samantha Lui (CHHS)
Will Lightbourne (DSS)
Sarah Brooks (DHCS)
Joe Xavier (DOR)
Lora Connolly (CDA)

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions
Chair Brenda Premo welcomed the group and introduced California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) Secretary Diana Dooley.

Agenda Items 2 and 3: Updates from the Health and Human Services Agency and Departments
Secretary Dooley thanked the Departments and the committee for all of their services related to the fires and mudslides and provided a brief update on debriefing and reviewing processes in preparation for future emergency responses. Secretary Dooley gave a brief overview of the Governor’s Budget as well as noted that we are in the final year of the current administration and the transition plans have begun.

Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Will Lightbourne provided an update regarding the CMIPS system which is currently going through maintenance, the new
contract will be awarded to CGI. The IHSS electronic timesheet program, which began about a year and a half ago is now in all counties and utilization is up to 20% of all providers.

Department of Health Care Services has received approval from CMS on the initial Home and Community-Based Services Statewide Transition Plan, as well as two Appendix K waivers regarding emergency response.

Department of Aging (CDA) Director Lora Connolly provided an update on the CDA’s budget. Although approved appropriate reflects a smaller appropriation, it’s due to CDA having a significant amount of excess appropriation, there was no real budget cut. She also noted that work on the Alzheimer’s Demonstration project with comes to an end this month, the focus of this project was working with health plan care managers to identify individuals who may have dementia and make sure they received an assessment.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) announced that their statewide transition plan has the funding available to make changes; they received 315 proposals and will be announcing the results in the next few weeks. DDS will be providing guidelines regarding the Community Placement Funding in the next months. DDS is in the final stages of submitting their waiver application, they expect it to happen in early March 2018.

Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Director Joe Xavier spoke about the Unified State Plan which is now posted on the DOR website for public comment, it is due to the Federal government in a few weeks. Director Xavier also spoke about the CalABLE Program which beginning in April 2018 will allow savings held in an ABLE account, to be up to $100,000, this money is not counted against the $2,000 limit on personal assets for individuals to qualify for SSI and other public benefits.

**Agenda Item 4: Home and Community Based Services**
Sarah Brooks, Deputy Director of Health Care Delivery Systems, provided information regarding various waivers and programs including: Assisted Living Waiver, Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS), Developmental Disabilities Waiver, HCBS for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Waiver, HIV/AIDS Waiver, Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver, In-Home Operations (IHO) Waiver, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) Waiver, San Francisco Community Living Support Benefit (SFCLSB) Waiver and the Self-Determination Program Waiver.

**Agenda Item 5: Legislation Watch List**

No items to report.
Agenda Item 7: Next Steps and Closing Comments

The meeting adjourned.