

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

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Ms. Ursula Parks, Director Legislative Budget Board 1501 North Congress Avenue, 5th Floor Austin, TX 78701

Dear Ms. Belew, Mr. DeBerry and Ms. Parks:

Enclosed is the agency's FY 2016 Monthly Financial Report as of November 2015. The following is a narrative summary of budget adjustments during the month, budget variances, significant changes from appropriated funding, capital budget issues, and other key budget issues at this time.

### **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

There were no adjustments made to the operating budget in the month of November.

### **BUDGET VARIANCES**

This report reflects a net agency shortfall of \$26.8 million consisting of a \$27.0 million shortfall in General Revenue and \$0.2 million surplus in Capped Grants and TANF. This Operating Budget assumes that staff-related program activities are fully staffed at the appropriated FTE level using DFPS annualized estimated costs per FTE. As expenditure and staffing trends emerge; projected expenditures will be adjusted accordingly. Significant budget variances are identified below.

- Strategy B.1.1 CPS Direct Delivery Staff has a projected a shortfall of \$9.6 million in General Revenue.
- Strategy B.1.2 CPS Program Support has a projected surplus of \$0.5 million in General Revenue.
- Strategy D.1.1 APS Direct Delivery Staff has a projected surplus of \$0.8 million in General Revenue.

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- Strategy D.1.2 APS Program Support has projected surplus of \$0.8 million in General Revenue. The surplus is a result of projected staffing levels.
- Strategy E.1.1 Child Care Regulation has projected surplus of \$1.8 in General Revenue.
- Strategy F.1.3 Regional Administration has a projected surplus of \$0.2 million in General Revenue which is primarily salary-related.

The following General Revenue variances are projected based on the HHSC November 2015 caseload and expenditure forecast:

- Strategy B.1.3 TWC Purchased Day Care Services has a projected surplus of \$0.8 million.
- Strategy B.1.9 Foster Care Payments has a projected shortfall of \$19.3 million.
- Strategy B.1.10 Adoption Subsidy/PCA Payments has a projected shortfall of \$1.3 million.
- Strategy B.1.11 Relative Caregiver Monetary Assistance Payments has a projected shortfall of \$0.3 million.

### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS REPORT

There are no significant changes at this time.

# **OTHER KEY BUDGET ISSUES**

None not addressed above.

# CAPITAL BUDGET ISSUES

None.

# STATUS OF PENDING TRANSFERS AND AUTHORITY REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL

Please contact Beth Cody, Budget Director, at 438-3351 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Tracy Henderson Chief Financial Officer

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