



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

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Dear Mr. Hurst and Mr. O'Brien:

Enclosed is the agency's FY 2012 Monthly Financial Report as of January 2012. 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

The following adjustments were made to the appropriated budget in the month of January. In total, the operating budget was decreased by \$8,422,085.

- The following adjustment was made under Art. IX, Sec. 8.03, Reimbursements and Payments:
 - Strategy B.1.2 CPS Program Support was increased by \$55,000 due to an agreement with the Casey Family Program nonprofit corporation.
- Adjustments in federal entitlement funds were made in the following strategies for an anticipated net decrease of \$8,477,085 (Art. IX, Sec. 8.02, Federal Funds/Block Grants):
 - Strategy A.1.1 Statewide Intake Services was decreased \$1,500
 - Strategy B.1.1 CPS Direct Delivery Staff was decreased \$20,305
 - Strategy B.1.2 CPS Program Support was increased \$19,447
 - Strategy B.1.3 TWC Foster Day Care was decreased \$336,177
 - Strategy B.1.10 Other CPS Purchased Services was decreased \$1,528
 - Strategy B.1.11 Foster Care Payments was decreased \$7,892,945
 - Strategy B.1.12 Adoption Subsidy Payments was decreased \$140,987
 - Strategy D.1.1 APS Direct Delivery Staff was decreased \$4,057
 - Strategy D.1.2 APS Program Support was decreased \$3,984
 - Strategy D.1.3 MH and MR Investigations was decreased \$18,482

- Strategy E.1.1 Child Care Regulation was decreased \$68,679
- Strategy F.1.1 Central Administration was decreased \$12,524
- Strategy F.1.2 Other Support Services was increased \$5,246
- Strategy F.1.3 Regional Administration was decreased \$61
- Strategy F.1.4 IT Program Support was decreased \$549

BUDGET VARIANCES

The CPS staff strategies show a \$4.3 million GR surplus due to high vacancies for the first five months of the fiscal year. We began to ramp-up recruitment and hiring activity in January, and have temporarily added more caseworker positions in certain areas of the state to address high caseloads. Although hiring has increased, we are still experiencing high turnover. We expect to see a drop in turnover and a net increase in our staffing levels as caseworkers come out of training and begin carrying caseloads.

- Strategy B.1.1 CPS Direct Delivery Staff has a projected net surplus of \$4.1 million that consists of \$5.7 million surplus in General Revenue, \$0.6 million shortfall in TANF, \$1.1 million shortfall in Federal Block Grant Funds, and \$0.1 million surplus in Other Funds.
- Strategy B.1.2 CPS Program Support has a projected surplus of \$0.2 million General Revenue.

The APS in-home strategies show a \$0.7 million GR surplus due partly to vacancies for the first five months of the fiscal year and to more anticipated Medicaid entitlement funding than appropriated. None of these surplus funds can be used without prior written approval from the LBB and the Governor's Office.

- Strategy D.1.1 APS Direct Delivery Staff has a projected surplus of \$0.6 million in General Revenue. Of this amount, \$0.2 million is General Revenue freed up by anticipated Medicaid entitlement funds exceeding the amount appropriated.
- Strategy D.1.2 APS Program Support has a projected surplus of \$79,757 General Revenue. Of this amount, \$39,449 is General Revenue freed up by anticipated Medicaid entitlement funds exceeding the amount appropriated.

Foster care, adoption subsidy/PCA payments, and Relative Caregiver show a \$8.9 million shortfall made up of \$4.9 million in General Revenue and \$4.0 million in TANF. These shortfall estimates are based on the HHSC February 2012 caseload update which reduced the projected caseload for foster care and adoption/PCA subsidies from the previous update.

- Strategy B.1.11 Foster Care Payments has a projected shortfall of \$4.0 million in TANF.
- Strategy B.1.12 Adoption Subsidy/PCA Payments has a projected shortfall of \$1.9 million in General Revenue.
- Strategy B.1.13 Relative Caregiver Payments has a projected shortfall of \$3.0 million in General Revenue.

The CPS day care strategies show a shortfall of \$1.9 million based on the HHSC February 2012 caseload update which forecasts higher caseloads than appropriated for foster day care and relative day care, and a slightly lower caseload than appropriated for protective day care.

- Strategy B.1.3 TWC Foster Day Care has a projected shortfall of \$1.7 million in General Revenue.
- Strategy B.1.4 TWC Relative Day Care has a projected shortfall of \$0.6 million in General Revenue.
- Strategy B.1.5 TWC Protective Day Care has a projected surplus of \$0.4 million in General Revenue.

One other significant projected variance is a \$3.4 million surplus in the other CPS purchased client services strategy, which is 9% of the operating budget for this strategy. This projection is based on contract monitoring information across the state. However, these surplus funds are likely to be utilized within the fiscal year as more clients come into the system.

- Strategy B.1.10 Other CPS Purchased Services has a projected surplus of \$3.4 million that consists of \$2.3 million in General Revenue, \$0.6 million in TANF, and \$0.5 million in Federal Block Grant Funds.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS REPORT

This report incorporates the HHSC February caseload update for the following programs: foster care, adoption/PCA subsidies, Relative Caregiver monetary assistance, and CPS day care services.

OTHER KEY BUDGET ISSUES

There are no other key budget issues for this report.

CAPITAL BUDGET ISSUES

There are no capital budget issues at this time.

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

Sincerely,



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