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Dear Mr. Ash, Ms. Allison, Mr. DeBerry, and Ms. Parks:

Enclosed is the agency's FY 2016 Monthly Financial Report as of February 2016. 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 February.

BUDGET VARIANCES

This report reflects a net agency shortfall of \$12.5 million consisting of a \$15.0 million shortfall in General Revenue, \$0.9 million surplus in Capped Grants and TANF, and \$1.6 million surplus in Other Funds. The shortfall in General Revenue is slightly higher than the previous month due to changes in actual method of finance percentages in the cost allocation methodology.

Previous reports assumed that staff-related program activities were fully staffed at the appropriated FTE level using DFPS annualized estimated costs per FTE. This current report reflects projected expenditures based on unfilled FTE trends. Significant budget variances are identified below.

- Strategy A.1.1 Statewide Intake Services has a projected shortfall of \$0.4 million General Revenue. This shortfall is because the allocated portion of DFPS Central Fund projected expense to SWI exceeds the portion of the budget allotted for this purpose.
- Strategy B.1.1 CPS Direct Delivery Staff has a projected surplus of \$3.3 million consisting of \$1.8 million in General Revenue and \$1.5 million of Other Funds. Because vacant FTE cap positions continue, it is projected that the strategy will end the year with a surplus in this report. Impacts of recent rapid response activities will be incorporated in the March report.
- Strategy B.1.4 Adoption Purchased Services has a projected shortfall of \$1.8 million in General Revenue. It is anticipated that this shortfall can be reduced, if not fully mitigated, by increasing the strategy utilizing the Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentive Bonus. This adjustment will be reflected in a future report.
- Strategy B.1.7 Substance Abuse Purchased Services has a projected shortfall of \$1.1 million in General Revenue. DFPS has staffed a focus group to research regional drug-testing processes and protocols in an effort to reduce these costs. Additionally, direct delivery staff are receiving targeted substance abuse training so that caseworkers authorize the most appropriate type of drug test to achieve casework objectives.
- Strategy B.1.8 Other CPS Purchased Services has a projected shortfall of \$1.1 million in General Revenue based on current expenditure trends.
- Strategy C.1.5 Other At-Risk Prevention has a projected surplus of \$1.3 million in General Revenue. This surplus is primarily due to delays in new contract start-up.
- Strategy D.1.1 APS Direct Delivery Staff has a projected surplus of \$0.6 million in General Revenue. The surplus is primarily due to vacant FTEs.
- Strategy E.1.1 Child Care Regulation has projected surplus of \$2.5 million consisting of \$2.4 million in General Revenue and \$0.1 million in TANF and Other funds combined. The surplus is primarily due to vacant FTEs. These surplus funds may be utilized to offset shortfalls elsewhere in the agency.
- Strategy F.1.1 Central Administration has a projected surplus of \$0.8 million in General Revenue. This surplus is due to vacant FTEs.
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The following General Revenue variances are projected based on the HHSC February 2016 caseload and expenditure forecast:

- Strategy B.1.3 TWC Purchased Day Care Services has a projected shortfall of \$3.2 million.
- Strategy B.1.9 Foster Care Payments has a projected shortfall of \$14.3 million.
- Strategy B.1.10 Adoption Subsidy/PCA Payments has a projected shortfall of \$0.7 million.
- Strategy B.1.11 Relative Caregiver Monetary Assistance Payments has a projected surplus of \$0.2 million.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS REPORT

When comparing the HHSC February 2016 forecast to the November 2015 forecast, shortfalls have been reduced. However, based on recent indicators, it is expected that the April 2016 forecast will reflect higher shortfalls than February.

OTHER KEY BUDGET ISSUES

The following are emerging issues:

TWC Purchased Day Care Services – it is the agency’s intent to eliminate the 10-day waiting period for Protective Day Care Services. This report does not reflect the fiscal impact resulting from this policy change.

DFPS is evaluating options to address projected strategy shortfalls for FY 2015 and FY 2016.

CAPITAL BUDGET ISSUES

Adjustment 2 for Project #4 (Class Upgrades) is reflected as a separate capital project (Project #7, Child Care Licensing Fee Collection) in Fiscal Size-up. Re-numbering of all projects and the adjustment will be reflected in the March report.

STATUS OF PENDING TRANSFERS AND AUTHORITY REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL

Please contact Beth Cody, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, at 438-3351 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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