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LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

Agenda

Room 11, State House

Friday, July 20, 2012

- 9:25 a.m. Call to Order, Approve minutes of November 8, 2011 meeting **[approved]** and Recess
- 9:30 a.m. Convene the Special Committee on the Mental Health
Approve minutes of April 5, 2012 **[approved]** [Sec. 33(e) of Act 79 of 2012]
[Additional Members: Senators Ayer and Mullin, and Representatives Pugh and Haas]
Gail Hutchings, President and CEO of Behavioral Health Policy Collaborative
- 10:25 a.m. Adjourn Special Committee and Reconvene Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee
- 10:30 a.m. A. Tropical Storm Irene State Issues – Financing State Hospital & State Buildings
[Sec. E.100 of Act 162 of 2012] [3 handouts]
Michael Clasen, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Administration
- 10:50 a.m. B. Emergency Certificate Of Need for a new 25 bed state hospital **[see afternoon for approval]**
Patrick Flood, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health [handout]
- 10:55 a.m. C. Tropical Storm Irene and 2011 Spring Flooding Issues
1. State Match for Tropical Storm Irene or 2011 Spring Flooding FEMA grants
(Municipal and Other) [Sec. 77a(b) of Act 75 of 2012]
Sue Minter, Irene Recovery Officer [4 handouts]
Jim Reardon, Commissioner of Finance and Management [handout]
Norman (Alec) Portalupi, Technical Service Engineer, Agency of Transportation
2. CDBG Disaster Relief Program [handout]
Lawrence Miller, Secretary, Agency of Commerce & Community Development
Jen Hollar, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Economic, Housing and C.D.
- 11:30 a.m. D. Revenue Update - Tom Kavet, Legislature's Economist [handout]
- 12:10 p.m. Recess

***Emergency Board: 1:00 p.m. in the 5th floor Pavilion Office Bldg., 109 State Street**

- 2:15 p.m. E. Administration Update/Issues – Commissioner Reardon
1. Preliminary Closeout Reports; preliminary Budget Adjustment, if any [handout]
 2. Porter Air Program – Secretary Miller
 3. Department of Financial Regulation - Transfer of Unencumbered Balances [Sec. 67(a)(2) of Act 75 of 2012] [handout]
Sandra Barton, Business Manager, Department of Financial Regulation
- F. Grants – Nathan Lavery (Department staff available)
1. Grant & position in Agency of Agriculture related to Irene recovery **[Approved]**
 2. FEMA disaster assistance grant related to the May 29, 2012 storm **[Approved]**
- G. Review of the Emergency Medical Services Fund – VT Fire Service Training Plan [32 V.S.A. § 8557(a) as amended by Sec. 62 of Act 143 of 2012] [handout]
Chris Bell, Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness & Emergency Medical Services, Department of Health
- H. Fiscal Office’s Updates/Issues
1. Fiscal Officer’s Report – Stephen A. Klein, Chief Fiscal Officer
 2. Updates:
 - a. Medicaid – Stephanie Barrett [handout]
 - b. Education Fund – Mark Perrault
 - c. Legislative Budget Closeout – Nathan Lavery
- I. Emergency Certificate Of Need for a new 25 bed state hospital
Patrick Flood, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health
[Agreed with the recommendation by Mental Health Oversight Committee to approve the Emergency CON process with the Public Hearing condition]
- 2:55 p.m. Next Meetings – September 19 and November 26
Other dates of interest:
Legislative Briefing (All Members) – November 28 at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
New Member Orientation – November 28 - 30
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

Relevant Statutory Language for Special Committees

Mental Health Special Committee

Sec. 33(e) of Act 79 of 2012:

Sec. 33. REPORTS

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(e) A special committee consisting of the members of the joint fiscal committee and the chairs and vice chairs of the senate committee on health and welfare and the house committee on human services, in consultation with the commissioner of mental health shall contract with an independent consultant who has expertise in the field of mental health and psychiatric hospital services to evaluate the structure, services, and financial implications of Vermont's proposed mental health system. The joint fiscal office shall administer the contract for the special committee. The department of mental health shall transfer to the joint fiscal committee one-half the cost of this contract and the joint fiscal committee is authorized to transfer one-half the cost of this contract from the legislative budget to the joint fiscal committee. The independent consultant shall submit a report to the general assembly by December 1, 2012 and shall specifically address:

(1) Whether Vermont's proposed mental health system appropriately serves the needs of individuals with mental health conditions throughout the state and, if any unmet needs are identified, how they may be addressed;

(2) The data and evaluation mechanisms necessary to manage and improve the quality of care and outcomes for individuals in Vermont with a mental health condition.

Reports

General Government

- I. Quarterly Report on excess receipts. [32 V.S.A. § 511] [Administration] [Received]
- II. Small Grants Quarterly Report [32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3)] [Joint Fiscal Office] [Received]
- III. Quarterly progress report reflecting the outcomes and measures as applied to the projects funded under this section [Act 40, Sec. 49(i) of 2011] [VT Telecommunications Authority] [Received]
- IV. Burlington Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Annual Report [Act 45, Sec. 16(b)(3) of 2011] [City of Burlington] [Received]
- V. Quarterly report on Measures and Milestones of Challenges for Change. [Act. 146, Sec. H4(a) of 2010] [Agency of Administration] [Temporarily suspended through calendar year 2012]
- VI. Annual report on all bank charges, service fees and fees charged to consumers related to credit card transactions. [32 V.S.A. Sec. 583(e)] [Treasurer's Annual Report – pages 56-57] [Final Full Report at link below and Excerpt Enclosed - Repealed in Sec. 51(m)(1) of Act 139 of 2012]
<http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/sites/treasurer/files/pdf/annualreport/2011%20State%20Treasurer%27s%20Office%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

Human Services

- I. Quarterly progress report on joint prescriptions agreements. [33 V.S.A. § 1998(c)(6)] [Agency of Human Services and Department of Human Resources] [Letter Received]
- II. Vermont State Hospital; Secure Residential Recovery Program quarterly update [Act 43, Sec. 31 (f)(3) of 2009] [Department of Mental Health] [Letter Received]

Natural Resources

- I. Annual report on the Vermont Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. [24 V.S.A. § 4774(b)] [Agency of Natural Resources and VEDA] <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/reports/2012ExternalReports/275501.pdf>
- II. Annual report of the Agency of Natural Resources of costs and expenditures for proceedings of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [30 V.S.A. § 20(a)(2)(C)] [ANR] [Received]

Protection

- I. Quarterly report of costs and expenditures for proceedings of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [30 V.S.A. § 20(b)(9)] [Department and Board – Public Service] [Received]

Joint Transportation Oversight Committee Reports

Report on transportation – supplemental paving spending and maintenance of effort [Sec. 74 of Act 75 of 2012] [Agency of Transportation] [Received] [Final Report – Expired Legislation]