

ACTIONS TAKEN
SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAVE JONES, CHAIR
(MEMBERS: BEALL, CHESBRO [CHAIRING IN PLACE OF ASM. JONES],
DE LA TORRE, EMMERSON, AND NESTANDE; ALTERNATE: BLUMENFIELD)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 4202, 1:30 PM

ITEM	ACTIONS TAKEN					
VOTE-ONLY ITEMS						
5180	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES					
Issue 1	In-Home Supportive Services – Oversight on Adopted Reductions (Action Items Carried Over from May 5, 2010 Hearing)					
	<u>Action 1 - Provide for Inclusive Stakeholder Process for IHSS Program Changes.</u> Aligning with prior requests, the Subcommittee provided formal direction to the DSS to coordinate and conduct a stakeholder working group, including representatives from consumer and provider groups, to meet on a regularly scheduled basis (e.g. monthly) where the administration will describe its implementation efforts across the IHSS recent program changes and provide written updates to this effect to the group and legislative staff, answer questions from stakeholders, and take feedback on issues of concern. DSS is asked to provide information on when these meetings are scheduled and which organizations or entities are included in each to legislative staff. DSS is asked to consider modeling this stakeholder process after its prior efforts in IHSS Quality Assurance over the years and to look to the Department of Developmental Services for a current model on this type of stakeholder convening and process.					
		MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
		Dave Jones (Chair)			X	
		Chesbro	X			
		Beall	X			
		De La Torre	X			
		Emmerson		X		
		Nestande		X		
		Blumenfield (alternate)	X			
		<i>Total</i>	4	2	1	

Action 2 – Reject Requested Positions for DSS. Reject the Administration's proposal for six new positions for IHSS Anti-Fraud and Program Integrity Mandates and hold open the request for \$500,000 in authority to contract for support in developing the required report. This is consistent with action taken in the Senate.

MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Dave Jones (Chair)			X	
Chesbro	X			
Beall	X			
De La Torre	X			
Emmerson	X			
Nestande	X			
Blumenfield (alternate)			X	
<i>Total</i>	5		2	

Action 3 – Require Cost-Benefit Analysis. Adopt placeholder trailer bill language to require the administration, led by the Health and Human Services Agency, to collaborate with stakeholders, including academia and social science experts in the field, to construct a cost-benefit model for analysis of anti-fraud program changes and report on the considerations, costs, thresholds for fraud deterrence assumptions, and risks that should be assessed for (1) implementation of anti-fraud activities in IHSS, before or when a request is made to the Legislature for any resources associated with design, soft roll-out, and/or full implementation, and (2) for future proposals in IHSS or other social service programs at any point at which these come forward. This model shall include all costs and benefits and specifically detail the basis for all assumptions, including the analytical basis for deterrence assumptions. Program changes to be implemented that are subject to this cost-benefit analysis include the unannounced home visits and targeted mailing policies that have yet to be analyzed or designed.

MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Dave Jones (Chair)			X	
Chesbro	X			
Beall	X			
De La Torre	X			
Emmerson				X
Nestande				X
Blumenfield (alternate)	X			
<i>Total</i>	4		1	2

Issue 2 Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) Program
(Action Item Carried Over from May 5, 2010 Hearing)

Action: Adopt Supplemental Report Language (SRL) to direct the Department of Social Services to convene a working group of stakeholders, to include policy and budget staff of the Legislature, to evaluate the estimated effects of eliminating California's SSI cash-out policy. This direction is only valid if the following two conditions are met – (1) the State receives a positive response from the USDA given its requests made in the April 1, 2010 letter from DSS Director John Wagner to the USDA and (2) the response allows for California to pursue a policy that has no deleterious impact on SSI/SSP members in mixed households, thereby allowing for a partial cash-in for California SSI/SSP recipients with only changes that benefit recipients, and a hold harmless policy for anyone who wouldn't.

MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Dave Jones (Chair)			X	
Chesbro	X			
Beall	X			
De La Torre	X			
Emmerson	X			
Nestande	X			
Blumenfield (alternate)			X	
<i>Total</i>	5		2	

Issue 3 BCP #2 – Conlan v. Shewry

Action: Approve the requested positions and BBL. In future years, however, the Subcommittee may wish to revisit whether the authority granted to the Administration in the BBL continues to be necessary and consistent with the Legislature's oversight of staffing for the workload associated with implementing these court decisions. This is consistent with action taken in the Senate.

MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Dave Jones (Chair)			X	
Chesbro	X			
Beall	X			
De La Torre	X			
Emmerson	X			
Nestande		X		
Blumenfield (alternate)			X	

<i>Total</i>	4	1	2	
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Issue 4 BCP #6 – Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program Support Position

Action: Approve the proposed funding and position. This is consistent with action taken in the Senate.

MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Dave Jones (Chair)			X	
Chesbro	X			
Beall	X			
De La Torre	X			
Emmerson		X		
Nestande		X		
Blumenfield (alternate)	X			
<i>Total</i>	4	2	1	

Issue 5 DSS TBL #640 – ITFC and MTFC Rates

Action: Staff recommends taking action to reject the proposal. This is consistent with action taken in the Senate.

MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Dave Jones (Chair)			X	
Chesbro	X			
Beall	X			
De La Torre	X			
Emmerson	X			
Nestande	X			
Blumenfield (alternate)			X	
<i>Total</i>	5		2	

Issue 6 State/County Peer Review

Action: Approve the proposed suspension of funding for the peer review process for 2010-11 and adopting placeholder trailer bill language to effectuate this. This action rejects the Administration's proposal to transfer Legislative authority to determine the sufficiency of program funding to the Department of Finance. This is consistent with action taken in the Senate.

MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Dave Jones (Chair)			X	
Chesbro	X			
Beall	X			
De La Torre	X			
Emmerson	X			
Nestande	X			
Blumenfield (alternate)			X	
<i>Total</i>	5		2	

5180 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**0530 OFFICE OF SYSTEMS INTEGRATION**

Issue 1 IHSS Changes in SFIS

Action: Reject the \$8.2 million (\$4.4 million GF) in OSI spending authority for 2009-10 and \$5.65 million (\$2.9 million GF) included in 2010-11, and any additional associated funding, for the purposes of fingerprinting IHSS recipients. Furthermore, sweep any funds in the DSS budget that have not yet been spent (or obligated for reimbursement). Adopt corresponding placeholder trailer bill language to repeal the statutory requirement for fingerprinting recipients and the requirement for fingerprints on timesheets (Sections 12305.73 and subdivision (c) of 12301.25 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, respectively). Hold open the requested conversion of contract authority to state staff for future action.

This action conforms to the Senate action taken on May 6, 2010.

MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Dave Jones (Chair)			X	
Chesbro	X			
Beall	X			
De La Torre	X			
Emmerson	X			
Nestande	X			
Blumenfield (alternate)			X	
<i>Total</i>	5		2	

Issue 2 DSS Spring Finance Letter – State Hearings

The Subcommittee took a vote to (1) reject the State Hearings Spring Finance

Letter on the basis that this proposal requires careful, thorough consideration through the policy process and (2) provide funding in 2010-11 for three additional ALJs (\$450,000 total funds, approximately \$215,500 GF), to assist with workload. The vote was expunged for logistical reasons and the action will be set for Vote-Only at a future Sub. 1 hearing.

Issue 3 BCP #3 – CWS Web Project

Consistent with the Subcommittee's vote on April 21, 2010 regarding the requested resources for additional OSI staff to support CWS/Web development, this issue was held open pending May Revision.

Issue 4 DSS BCP #4 – EBT System Ongoing Maintenance

Action: Approve the requested budget decreases contained in the OSI request, as well as the proposed extension of the two limited-term positions at DSS.

Adopt Supplemental Report Language requiring OSI and DSS to provide an update to the Legislature and to stakeholders, including CWDA, CSAC, WCLP, and the California Food Policy Advocates, on (1) efforts with the vendor to limit disruption in EBT benefit access, (2) communications with counties about any problems and resolutions as they arise, and (3) how consumers are being informed of issues and recourse when disruptions do occur.

MEMBERS	AYE	NO	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Dave Jones (Chair)			X	
Chesbro	X			
Beall	X			
De La Torre	X			
Emmerson	X			
Nestande	X			
Blumenfield (alternate)	X			
<i>Total</i>	6		1	