

## Senator Ayer's summary of testimony and follow-up questions

### **Testimony re the developmental disabilities budget process:**

- Different from other budgets in that process has no legislative oversight and public input
- Very large budget, but with no legislative oversight as to who gets treatment and what kind of treatment they get
- Little to no public/client input
- Unpredictable future for clients from year to year

### **Department's response**

- *Budget is presented to two appropriations committees and two committees of jurisdiction*
- *Caseload projections are developed according to methodology approved by JFO and signed off on by budget committee (following last year's summer study committee)*
- *Individual plans are developed at local level*
- *When changes occur to individual plans, these are done with client/family*
- *No more or less unpredictable than any publically funded services. In fact, it is less unpredictable than many insofar as budget data shows steady trends for over ten years.*

### **Testimony re Annual Report**

- is not timely enough to enable reactions from clients or inform legislators
- *We agree it should be timelier and have corrected an internal reporting process that slowed it down. Effective January 15, 2015, the report will be submitted with all other reports on January 15*

### **Testimony re rules**

- Rules process would allow for public input, could be cumbersome, should not be cumbersome

### **Department's response**

- *We think rules process would only require one public hearing. Far less than current regs*

### Questions:

#### Does department have language suggestions that meet their needs as well as those of clients?

- *An alternative to the summer study committee might be to have the TF report and new SOCP submitted to the committees of summer jurisdiction (HCOC). This will contain input from many of the parties requesting this legislation.*

#### What can department suggest that gets at the same information from clients without too many committees? Could a charge be added to the imagine the future for this process?

- Yes. We already have done so. (see chart)

Dept says it will need resources to ensure a statewide system.... Claire: isn't that already in your charge?

- *Yes. And we believe we are meeting our statutory obligation. The advocates do not agree. If they want something different, it will require more resources.*

8725: Dept says they already report this in annual update..... Claire: why not copy and paste into an addendum or chapter if work is already done?

- *Not sure what the reference is, but certainly we can add "this" to our annual report if we have "it."*

Was originally this way due to closing of BTS and so many unknowns *Don't know anything about this.*