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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Pugh, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

From: Representative Kitty Toll, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations
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Date: January 15, 2019

Subject: Provisions in the Governor's Proposed FY 2019 Budget Adjustment

The House Appropriations Committee has started work on the FY 2019 Governor's proposed budget adjustment and would like to inform you about proposals related to appropriations from the Agency of Human Services. In addition, there is language related to one-time Tobacco Litigation Settlement funds, and one-time General Fund, with a packet of information on the four initiatives for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Children in Need of Services (CHINS).

The House Appropriations Committee welcomes and appreciates your input and would like to give you the opportunity to comment on any of the proposals; however, it is not necessary to respond to all the proposals unless you have concerns or recommendations. If you do not wish to comment on any of the issues sent to your committee, please send a quick e-mail or note to the Committee through Theresa Utton-Jerman at tutton@leg.state.vt.us. If you would like to respond, it would be helpful if you could do so by the end of the day on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

The House Appropriations Committee budget reporters are listed by subject area on the attached key or can be found on the Committees webpage under the highlights section. In addition, if you have not already informed Theresa of who your committee liaison/s are for the Budgets, please do so soon to allow for good communications and coordination between the committees.

Please let us know if you have questions about the enclosed documents or the information in the following page/s.

Numbers Sections:

B.300 - Net-neutral transfer of positions with Department for Children & Families (DCF) and the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA); Technical adjustment for VLA contract and VISTA contributions; Net-neutral distribution of ADS charges from AHS-Central Office to AHS departments; Net-neutral allocation of AHS-wide grants reduction plan.

Note: this section has also been sent to the House Committee on Health Care.

B.303 – Grant Donation-Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living.

B.311 - AHS net-neutral distribution of ADS rates; Net-neutral allocation of AHS-wide grants reduction plan – Health Department, Administration and Support.

B.312 – B.313 - Net-neutral allocation of AHS-wide grants reduction plan – Health Department.

Note: Section B.313 has also been sent to the House Committee on Health Care.

B.314 – Mental Health - Fund adjustments due to contracting changes and associated recognition of offsetting Medicare revenue; Adjustments to grant funding levels; AHS net-neutral grant and Global Commitment related adjustments; Net-neutral allocation of AHS-wide grants reduction plan; Gross Global Commitment spending authority associated with available local matching funds for Success Beyond S– Mental Health.

B.316 – B.328 – Various adjustments in the Department for Children & Families.

B.329 – B.333 – Various adjustments in the Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living.

Language Sections:

Sec. 4. INSTITUTIONS FOR MENTAL DISEASE; GLOBAL COMMITMENT WAIVER AMENDMENT

(a) The Secretary of Human Services may seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend Vermont's Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 waiver to cover treatment for serious mental illness (SMI) provided in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs).

EXPLANATION: CMS now allows states to seek waivers from the IMD Exclusion rule. This language will allow AHS to consider seeking such a waiver.

Note: this section has also been sent to the House Committee on Health Care.

Sec. 10. Sec. 10. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 201, Section 20 is amended to read:
~~To the extent that~~ The sum of \$200,000.00 is appropriated in fiscal year 2019 from the ~~General Fund~~ Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund to the Department for Children and Families pursuant to 2018 Act and Resolves No. 11 (Special Session), Sec.C.105.1(a)(10)., Accordingly, the Department shall prepare for the expansion of services to juvenile offenders 18 and 19 years of age pursuant to 33 V.S.A. chapters 52 and 52A beginning in fiscal year 2021, and shall carry forward any unexpended funds.

EXPLANATION: Accomplishes the technical adjustment to Act 201 required by the July 16, 2018 Statement of Legislative Intent regarding the appropriation of Tobacco Litigation Settlement funds for this purpose via Act 11.

Note: this section has also been sent to the House Committee on Health Care.

Thank you for your review and consideration.