

JOINT LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE

Zoom Webinar

Friday, May 21, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Kenneth Weyler, Chair

Representative Karen Umberger, Clerk

Representative Lynne Ober

Representative Tracy Emerick

Representative Peter Leishman

Senator Gary Daniels, Vice-Chair

Senate President Chuck Morse

Senator Robert "Bob" Giuda

Senator Cindy Rosenwald

Senator Donna Soucy

(1) Call In Instructions:

KENNETH WEYLER, State Representative, Rockingham County, District #13: The Finance -- Joint Finance Committee. As Chair of the Fiscal Committee. All right. As Chair of the Fiscal Committee, I find that due to the state of emergency declared by the Governor as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic, and in accordance with House Rule 67, and the Governor's Emergency Order Number 12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. This is a regular meeting of the Committee.

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Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting. This is required under the Right-To-Know Law. The Clerk will call the roll.

KAREN UMBERGER, State Representative, Carroll County, District #02: Representative Ober.

LYNNE OBER, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #37: I am present. I'm in Hudson. I'm currently alone, but Russ is out jogging and I think the cats are napping so that may change.

REP. UMBERGER: Okay. Representative Emerick.

TRACY EMERICK, State Representative, Rockingham County, District #21: Home alone in my home office.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

PETER LEISHMAN, State Representative, Hillsborough County, District #24: Good morning, Karen. I'm home in Peterborough and Cheryl is somewhere in the house.

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REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. I'm at my home in Kearsarge and my husband is in the kitchen. Uh -- Senator Daniels.

GARY DANIELS, State Senator, Senate District #11: Senator Gary Daniels. I'm at my State House office and my assistant is in the adjoining room.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

CHUCK MORSE, State Senator, Senate President, Senate District #22: Senator Chuck Morse. I'm in my State House office, and I am alone.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda.

ROBERT "Bob" GIUDA, State Senator, Senate District #02: Senator Bob Giuda, District 2, at my home in Warren alone.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald.

CINDY ROSENWALD, State Senator, Senate District #13: Good morning. Cindy Rosenwald. I'm home in Nashua, and I'm alone.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

DONNA SOUCY, State Senator, Senate District #18: Good morning. This is Donna Soucy. I'm at my home in Manchester and I'm alone.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: I'm in Kingston. I'm in my home. I'm in this room alone. My wife is in the house.

REP. UMBERGER: Thank you all very much.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. We have a quorum.

(2) Acceptance of Minutes of the April 16, 2021 meeting.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: The next item is the acceptance of the minutes of the April 16th meeting. Is there any corrections?

****** SEN. ROSENWALD: Moved.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: I see Senator Rosenwald moves to accept the minutes.

REP. OBER: Second. Representative Ober.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Second Representative Ober. Clerk will call the roll on the acceptance of the minutes of the April 26th meeting.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Ober.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Excuse me, April 16th meeting.

REP. OBER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Emerick.

REP. EMERICK: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

REP. LEISHMAN: I'll abstain as I was not present.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. Yes. Senator Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

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SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda.

SEN. GIUDA: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

SEN. SOUCY: I will also abstain as I was not present for the meeting.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Eight yes, zero no, and two abstain.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: The minutes are adopted.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

(3) Old Business:

(4) RSA 14:30-a, III Audit Topic Recommendation by Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee:

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Our next up item is Old Business. There are none. And under Tab 4 I will call upon Representative Ober, the Chairman of the Legislative Performance and Oversight Committee.

**** REP. OBER**: I move to accept.

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CHAIRMAN WEYLER: The motion is to accept a proposal for performance audit oversight for child care licensing unit, day care licensing.

REP. UMBERGER: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Motion to accept that proposal from Legislative Performance Oversight Committee. Clerk will call the roll on the motion.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Ober.

REP. OBER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Emerick.

REP. EMERICK: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

REP. LEISHMAN: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. Yes. Senator Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda.

SEN. GIUDA: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yes.

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REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

SEN. SOUCY: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: The vote is 12 in favor.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Motion is adopted.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Ten in favor.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Should be ten.

REP. UMBERGER: I can't count. I'm on finance. I can't count.

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: That's why the Senate budget's looking so good.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: I knew Chuck would have to say something.

REP. UMBERGER: Sorry.

(5) RSA 9:16-a, II, Transfers Authorized:

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. Moving on to Tab 5, Fiscal item 21-102, 21-102, from the Department of Transportation, transfer 320,000 in Highway Funds between various classes through June 30th, 2021.

****** REP. UMBERGER: I'll move to approve.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Representative Umberger moves to approve.

SEN. GIUDA: Second.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Senator Giuda seconds. The Clerk will call the roll on acceptance --

REP. OBER: I have questions.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: -- 21-102.

REP. OBER: I have questions.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Oh, a question. Representative Ober has a question.

REP. OBER: Is someone from the agency available?

MICHAEL KANE, Legislative Budget Assistant, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant: Yes, we'll pull them over.

MARIE MULLEN, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation: Hello. Good morning. Marie Mullen, Director of Finance.

REP. OBER: Good morning, Marie. Yesterday we had pre-Fiscal and we were discussing this item. Mr. Shea pointed out that the questions on these items are set for G & C but not necessarily set for Fiscal, and I was curious why we aren't getting more detail from you. You said this is for continuing programs, but you don't tell us what programs. There wasn't anything there that told us what you were going to do if this was approved. It would be not only helpful if you could explain that now, but if in the future we could get a little more detail.

MS. MULLEN: Yes. My apologies for that. These funds that are being transferred are for the Statewide Cost

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Allocation Plan. So these are the costs that Department of Administrative Services charges our agency for their support, whether it's from the Comptroller's Office, Purchase and Property, the NHFirst Financial System. So when the budget was set, the budget came in less than what their actual costs are for this year. So they do a true-up and they look at their costs from previous years. So the cost for FY 21 came in \$320,000 higher than what we were provided for the budget. So we are transferring the funds to be able to true-up and pay the Department of Administrative Services for what they provide DOT.

So when we talk about those programs and services, for us to keep moving forward it's for us to be able to pay our bills, to be able to contract out competitively bid through Purchase and Property for equipment, salt, fuel, all those different types of things. So it's really to keep the agency running by supporting and paying Administrative Services for what the services they provide to us.

REP. OBER: Thank you for that explanation. That's a much better explanation than saying continued programs, because there aren't any programs. What you're doing is you're paying trueing up costs due to things that happened after the budget which would -- that would have been a great way to put it forth so we knew what you were doing. But thank you for explaining that.

MS. MULLEN: You're welcome. I will pay better attention to that in our explanations in going forward.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Further questions from the Committee? Seeing none. Thank you, Marie. We already have a motion to accept 21-121 -- 21-102, 21-102, the motion to accept. The Clerk will call the roll. In favor, if opposed no.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Ober.

REP. OBER: Yes.

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REP. UMBERGER: Representative Emerick.

REP. EMERICK: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

REP. LEISHMAN: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. Yes. Senator Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda.

SEN. GIUDA: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

SEN. SOUCY: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: The vote is 10-0.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Motion is accepted.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

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(6) **RSA 9:16-c, I, Transfer of Federal Grant Funds:**

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Moving on to Tab 6. And the first item is, although it's a Consent Calendar there's only one item on it, FIS 21-121, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, authorizing to transfer 205,000 Federal funds and establish three new classes through June 30th, 2021. I'll entertain a motion to adopt.

REP. LEISHMAN: Move approval, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Thank you. Representative Leishman moves approval.

REP. OBER: Second, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Representative Ober seconds. Any questions for the group? Seeing no questions from the Committee, the Clerk will call the roll on acceptance of FIS 21-121.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Ober.

REP. OBER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Emerick.

REP. EMERICK: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

REP. LEISHMAN: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. Yes. Senator Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda.

SEN. GIUDA: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

SEN. SOUCY: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Ten in favor, zero opposed.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: The motion is adopted.

*** {MOTION ADOPTED}

- (7) RSA 9:16-a, II, Transfers Authorized and RSA 14:30-a, VI Fiscal Committee Approval Required for Acceptance And Expenditure of Funds Over \$100,000 from any Non-State Source:

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Moving on to Tab 7, there's only one bill on it, FIS 21-094, Department of Health and Human Services, authorization to transfer General Funds in the amount of \$9,460,897 between various class units, increasing federal revenue in the amount of 2,000,800 -- 900 -- start again. In the amount of 2,989,003, decrease related other revenues in the amount of

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1,184 and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2021. Is there a motion to accept?

** SEN. ROSENWALD: Mr. Chair, can we ask questions or does there need to be a motion first?

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: We can ask questions either before or after the -- if you have questions, call on somebody now from Health and Human Services. LBA would please bring in someone from Health and Human Services.

KERRIN ROUNDS, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Looks like we have Commissioner Shibinette, but she's presently muted. Representative Shibinette, we have a question from Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I actually have a few questions, if I could. In the narrative on Page 2 of the Appendix in Child Development Program, the Department makes the point that utilization has decreased, and I'm wondering why as people supposedly are going back to work if -- if this means it's still difficult for families to find available child care and be able to afford it? Just looking for some explanation of why there's decreased utilization.

LORI SHIBINETTE, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services: Karen, I don't know if you want to take that one or if Chris Santaniello is on the line that she can answer that in more detail.

MS. ROUNDS: Let the LBA bring over Chris. Already in process.

CHRISTINE SANTANIELLO, Department of Health and Human Services: Hi. Yes, good morning. Can you hear me?

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

MS. SANTANIELLO: Okay. I actually just logged on so I guess it was perfect timing so or not, right? So, Senator Rosenwald, you were asking about the decline in enrollment for the child care scholarship.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Hm-hum.

MS. SANTANIELLO: Yeah. And so that has been, as you are aware, been declining for a while. We also have used a number of the COVID funds to assist families as well. So I think it's a combination of the use of COVID dollars, the fact that people are starting to go back to work. And prior to the pandemic with our unemployment being so low, people maybe didn't necessarily qualify. So it's been a combination of things.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Hum -- but my -- part of my question was whether people still couldn't afford child care, which I guess is really a question of the eligibility for the scholarship.

MS. SANTANIELLO: So I would have to go back and do, if I could even in our system see, you know, the number of applications and then why people were denied to see if it really is an income issue or not. So that's something I can get for you, if I have that available.

SEN. ROSENWALD: If I could follow-up, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Follow-up question.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you. On Page 10 of the narrative in pediatric mental health care, the Department makes the point that contracts were not as expensive as appropriated. Does this represent the Children's Mobile Crisis Project that has not been able to move forward?

MS. ROUNDS: No, no. This is a program in Public Health. It's not the Behavioral Health Children's System of Care.

SEN. ROSENWALD: It's what?

MS. ROUNDS: I can have Shelley Swanson come over. We don't have a program person available from Public Health today, but the finance person is available. She may be able to give us a little bit of detail on what that program is.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. We'll wait for that person to come over.

MS. ROUNDS: That's Richelle Swanson. Sorry. Shelley, did you hear the question?

RICHELLE SWANSON, Department of Health and Human Services: I did not.

MS. ROUNDS: The pediatric mental health care program in Public Health, what does that program do and why were there excess contracting funds?

MS. SWANSON: That program works alongside the maternal child health programs. I don't have specific details right in front of me. I'd have to pull up the notice of award to give that to you, but I can definitely get it to you in the future.

As far as having funds available, what typically happens is we'll put our grant budget in with the Feds and get that approved. And then as we move through the year, we're bidding out our contracts and then working on getting those up and the contracts most likely came in lower than what we anticipated they would when we put our federal budget together.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Follow-up, please.

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CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Follow-up.

SEN. ROSENWALD: On Page 14 in the System of Care Accounting Unit, what program does this represent that was not as expensive as we budgeted for?

MS. ROUNDS: So that is the Children's Behavioral Health System of Care. And if I remember correctly, because this -- we did talk about this the other day internally. I believe the transfer was fairly small. It was, I think, under \$100,000, and it was transferring from the contracts line to a benefits line because the benefits for one of the employees was higher than was budgeted --

SEN. ROSENWALD: I see.

MS. ROUNDS: -- is my recollection. So it was not a large transfer.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Okay. And further down at the bottom of that page, the Community Mental Health Support. Again, how much was that and why is -- why was there money?

MS. ROUNDS: That one I do not know. Hold on just one second. I think I'm probably going to need to get back to you on that one. I don't --

SEN. ROSENWALD: And one final question, if I could, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Certainly.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you. On Page 15 in the New Hampshire Designated Receiving Facility, my memory is that the Department told us you were in the process of transferring residents out and closing that and that at this point there's only one individual still there. Hum -- and so has the staff not been reduced there?

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MS. SHIBINETTE: Staff has been reduced there. We still have the -- a core group that's still caring for the one patient that remains there, but several of the staff have been reassigned or transferred to other -- other positions.

SEN. ROSENWALD: And that's why there's vacancy.

MS. SHIBINETTE: Hm-hum.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MS. ROUNDS: And to answer the earlier question that the second transfer you asked about in the Community Mental Health, that was also less than \$100,000 transfer and looks like it mostly was benefits and current expenses.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you.

MS. ROUNDS: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Any other Committee Members have questions on the item? Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to adopt the item. Senator Rosenwald moves to adopt. Is there a second?

REP. EMERICK: Second.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Second from Representative Emerick. The Clerk will call the roll on acceptance of FIS 21-094.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Ober.

REP. OBER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

REP. LEISHMAN: Yes.

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REP. UMBERGER: Representative Emerick.

REP. EMERICK: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. Yes. Senator Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda. Senator Giuda.

SEN. GIUDA: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald. Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yes. Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

SEN. SOUCY: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: The vote is 10 to zero.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Motion is adopted.

*** {MOTION ADOPTED}

- (8) RSA 14:30-a, VI Fiscal Committee Approval Required For Acceptance and Expenditure of Funds Over \$100,000 From any Non-State Source:

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CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Moving on to Tab 8. There are nine items on this tab under a Consent Calendar. Does anyone wish any item removed from the Consent Calendar?

REP. LEISHMAN: Mr. Chairman, let's see, 21-091, please.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. 21-091 removed by Representative Leishman. Any other thing wish to be removed? Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to adopt the remaining items under Tab 8.

** REP. OBER: Mr. Chairman, I would move to adopt the remaining items under Tab 8.

SEN. GIUDA: Second.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Motion by Representative Ober, and I think the second was Representative Emerick?

REP. EMERICK: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. Second by Representative Emerick to adopt the remaining items under Tab 8 which are FIS 21-092, 21-093, 21-096, 21-101, 21-103, 21-115, and 21-120, and 21-122. Those are what we're voting on. If you're in favor of adopting all those items, please say yes. If opposed, no. The Clerk will call the roll on the remaining items in Tab 8.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Ober.

REP. OBER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Emerick.

REP. EMERICK: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

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REP. LEISHMAN: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. Yes. Senator Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda.

SEN. GIUDA: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

SEN. SOUCY: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Ten yes, zero no.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: The remaining items are adopted.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Now to FIS 21-091, which is the Department of Health and Human Services, which are still here. We have a question. Representative Leishman.

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REP. LEISHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Generally, the Department's explanations are pretty complete, but a couple of things came to mind in the explanation which I was looking for but didn't see. How -- have you had a contract with Vermont long-standing or is this something new?

JOSEPH RIBSAM, Director, Division of Children, Youth and Families, Department of Health and Human Services: I can answer that. Good morning. Joe Ribsam, Director of DCYF. I'm at my office in Concord alone. The contract with Vermont was approved by Governor and Council in December of '20, so about, what's that, six months ago.

REP. LEISHMAN: Okay. Now the \$118,000, how many, as you have them listed here delinquent youth, would this cover? Is this like for a monthly service, daily? How many?

MR. RIBSAM: Yeah. The way the contract works, so folks who aren't familiar, Vermont closed their facility and did not have the replacement in place yet, and as a result had nowhere to place youth, and I've been sending them out-of-state including, amongst other places, to SYSC pursuant to the contract in December. At this juncture, it's intermittent when youth are there. We've had a total of six youth since the start of the contract. Most of them have only been there for about two or three days, and then they go into a different type of placement after courts make decisions on the underlying detention charge.

There have been two youth who have been there for more than just a few days. One was there about four weeks, another one has been there for about six weeks, and that's about -- that's the extent of the young people who have come in since the start of that contract. There are days where there's no youth there. Today there are two youth from Vermont there.

REP. LEISHMAN: All right. Thanks. Thanks, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Thank you. Any other questions? Senator Rosenwald has her hand up.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you. Joe, when does this contract expire and what is the daily rate Vermont pays?

MR. RIBSAM: The contract expires, I believe, in October of '22. The plan is for as they open up their new facility to stop utilizing this contract, and I think they're projecting to do that prior to October of '22. The daily rate, I don't have the contract in front of me, but it's around \$1,500 a day.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Further questions from the Committee? Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to adopt FIS 21-091. Representative Emerick moves to adopt. Is there a second?

REP. LEISHMAN: I'll second it, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Representative Leishman seconds the motion to adopt FIS 21-091. Clerk will call the roll. If you're in favor, you'll say yes. If opposed, no.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Ober.

REP. OBER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Emerick.

REP. EMERICK: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

REP. LEISHMAN: Yes.

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REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. Yes. Senator Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda.

SEN. GIUDA: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald. Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

SEN. SOUCY: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: The vote is ten yes, zero no.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: And the motion is adopted.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

(9) RSA 124:15, Positions Authorized:

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Moving on to Tab 9, which I'm looking for still. Now that I don't have tabs. Tab 9 is FIS 21-113, Office of the Child Advocate, authorization through June 30th, 2021, to establish Class 046, Consultants for a

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five-year plan. Any questions on Tab 9, FIS 21-113? Seeing none. Are you ready --

** SEN. DANIELS: I'll move Tab 9.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Okay. Senator Daniels moves 21-113.

REP. EMERICK: Second.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Second by Representative Emerick. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the Clerk will call the roll on FIS 21-113.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Ober.

REP. OBER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Emerick.

REP. EMERICK: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

REP. LEISHMAN: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. Yes. Senator Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda.

SEN. GIUDA: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald.

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SEN. ROSENWALD: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

SEN. SOUCY: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: The vote is ten in favor, none opposed.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: And that motion is adopted.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

(10) RSA 106-H:9, I, (e) Funding; Fund Established:

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: We move on to Tab 10. We have FIS 21-1 -- FIS 21-132 from the Department of Safety, expend 125,000 in Other Funds from Prior Year Carry Forward Balance to Enhanced 911 System funds through June 30th, 2021, that's due to seven vacancies. They're moving overtime and so on. Any questions on the item? Is there a motion to approve?

****** REP. UMBERGER: I'll move.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Motion by Representative Umberger to approve the item.

REP. OBER: Second.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Second by Representative Ober. Clerk will call -- are there any questions from the Committee? Seeing none. The Clerk will call the roll to accept FIS 21-132.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Ober.

REP. OBER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Emerick.

REP. EMERICK: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

REP. LEISHMAN: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. Yes.
Senator Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda.

SEN. GIUDA: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

SEN. SOUCY: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Uh -- ten in favor and none opposed.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: The motion is adopted.

*** {MOTION ADOPTED}

(11) RSA 215-A:23, IX, and RSA 215-C:39, X, Registration Fees:

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Moving on to Tab 11, which is item 21-105, the New Hampshire Fish and Game, a transfer of 2,400,000 to cover the trails. Any questions on the item? I'll entertain a motion to adopt.

** REP. UMBERGER: I'll move.

REP. EMERICK: So move.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. Representative Emerick -- Representative Umberger moves, Representative Emerick seconds to adopt FIS 21-105. If you're in favor you'll say yes, if you're opposed no. The Clerk will call the roll to accept 21-105.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Ober.

REP. OBER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Emerick.

REP. EMERICK: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Leishman.

REP. LEISHMAN: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Umberger. Yes. Senator Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Morse.

SEN. PRESIDENT MORSE: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Giuda.

SEN. GIUDA: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Senator Soucy.

SEN. SOUCY: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: Representative Weyler.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Yes.

REP. UMBERGER: The vote is ten in favor and none opposed.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: That motion is adopted.

***** {MOTION ADOPTED}**

(12) Miscellaneous:

(13) Informational:

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: And moving on to Informational items. We have about an inch thick (Inaudible) of them. Anybody have any specific, please raise your hand, any specific ones which we wish for discussion? Representative Daniels.

SEN. DANIELS: Hum -- yeah, just a question for -- well, regarding the positions established. My

understanding was that these positions, whether they're full-time or part-time are new positions.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Which items specifically?

SEN. DANIELS: I'm sorry. Actually, I'm looking at the additional revenue in positions report. There's a column second from the right, says positions established.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Give me the item number that we're looking for.

SEN. DANIELS: Are we on Informational?

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Right.

SEN. DANIELS: First one.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Okay. LBA Report on Revenue. All right. Additional revenues and positions established. All right. So that's for LBA to respond. Mr. Kane, we have a question.

SEN. DANIELS: Thank you. And I guess the question for Mr. Kane, when we look at the full-time positions that established and my understanding is these are new positions, is there any reason why a department could not take an existing position and reclassify it to match, you know, whatever a grant may require whatever?

MR. KANE: Yeah. Sometimes -- thank you, Senator Daniels. For the record, my name is Michael Kane. I'm in my office in the State House. So if there's a -- typically a vacancy is for -- exists in a budgeted position as opposed to a temporary full-time, which are the ones on this schedule that are accepted in Fiscal. There could be many reasons. It could be the location in the Department where that vacancy is, it -- and where the grant is going. They could be two separate accounting units. It could be

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the level of the employee or the job classification of that employee does not lend itself to using a vacant position. But they would be only temporary and only authorized through -- the ones on this schedule are through June 30th, '20 and June 30th, '21. So does that answer your question, Senator?

SEN. DANIELS: Yes, it does. Thank you.

MR. KANE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Okay. Any items -- any other informational items with questions? Representative Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you. I have questions on a few of the items, but first is 098.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right. First is item 21-098, and we have Health and Human Services here. Senator Rosenwald has a question.

SEN. ROSENWALD: The \$57 million in contracts, what -- what is that for?

MS. ROUNDS: If you could bring Richelle Swanson back over. Thank you. Shelley, did you hear the question?

MS. SWANSON: Yes, I did. I had provided a spreadsheet earlier listing out the contracts that were part of that request of that number. I'm not sure.

SEN. ROSENWALD: A spreadsheet?

MS. ROUNDS: I will make sure that you get that, Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Okay. My second question is in Item 100, which is the children's vaccines. Are those -- that \$11 million all for COVID vaccines for children?

MS. SWANSON: The vaccines are not for children. The funding is a supplemental award that we get for our -- for our immunization program that does fund vaccines for children. Children -- excuse me. But these are COVID-19 funds for COVID-19 vaccines for both children and adults, not just children.

SEN. ROSENWALD: I see. But it would include children.

MS. SWANSON: Yes, now that the children's vaccines have been approved.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you. I don't know if we are going to get to the Dashboard, but I do have a couple of questions.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: We will get to the Dashboard. Are there any other things in-between that anybody wishes to have questions answered? All right. So your next one, Senator Rosenwald.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you. Just on the Dashboard. The last Fiscal meeting we talked about the total lapses and the financial page and the Department agreed to provide us the financial information at this meeting, and I don't really see it. So I'm wondering if that is going to follow soon?

MS. ROUNDS: So my understanding of what the financial information was, was the sheet that shows where there are potential shortfalls and then what the anticipated lapse is. So I did include that. It was the first chart right after the narrative. And so we are anticipating a lapse of \$75 million. The only shortfall or large shortfall that we had to deal with was the DCYF shortfall which we've

resolved in the Department by transfer you just approved. So we're not anticipating any other shortfalls at this time.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: All right.

SEN. ROSENWALD: One final one, if I could. The other day in the Executive Council meeting there was discussion of the \$200,000 per bed incentive for new DRF beds, and I'm just wondering what is the source of funds for that? Is that ARP or --

MS. ROUNDS: Yes. So we anticipate that that will be ARPA funds. So I do anticipate bringing an item to Fiscal for that, I believe. I'm still working on it. But I may need to request a meeting prior to your next meeting to do that.

SEN. ROSENWALD: Thank you very much.

(14) Audit Information Materials:

(15) Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Okay. Members, recent meetings some of us were at with the Governor talking about American Recovery Program funds. As you see, there's about 130, 140 million have come in through these informational items through GOFFER and CARES, henceforth we expect to be able to review the items that are coming in through ARP and so on. So they have requested that we have a Special Fiscal Meeting and the date they chose was June 8th. That would be just for those American Recovery Funds for us to check them out and look them over. And then we would go to our regular meeting, probably on the 16th. So if there's no objection to those two dates, in June we'll be meeting twice, the 8th and the 16th.

SEN. ROSENWALD: The 16th?

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Did I say the 16th?

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yeah. That's a Wednesday.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: Is that a Wednesday?

SEN. ROSENWALD: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: I'm sorry.

MR. KANE: The 18th is the Friday, the third Friday.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: The 18th. The 8th and the 18th. The 8th and the 18th.

MR. KANE: Yes, yes.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: I got them in the wrong place here. The 8th and the 18th will be our next meetings in June for the Fiscal Committee. And I appreciate Representative Soucy being here to fill in for Senator -- Senator Soucy to fill in for Senator D'Allesandro for this meeting. So any other comments? Any other suggestions? We did not have -- we also have reviewed the audit information items as ongoing, both for the Department of Education and the Liquor Commission. Also, the status update on the Sununu Youth Center. Anybody have any questions on those items?

Do you still wish to have monthly reports from both Voc Rehab and the Liquor Commission? I assume that you still want them monthly. All right. Then that will -- that will continue. When we get into further and have things that are going into long-term, like a year or more, we may not want to keep hearing them every month for the progress. But when we get through the majority of them that are short-term, then we'll be hearing every month. So after

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that we may take a different schedule. Anything further to come before us?

MR. KANE: No.

CHAIRMAN WEYLER: If everyone's ready for adjourn, please raise your hands altogether. We are adjourned. Thank you very much.

(Meeting adjourned.)

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