

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

October 14, 2016

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Daniel Eaton
Representative Richard Barry (Alternate)
Senator Jeanie Forrester
Senator Gary Daniels (Alternate)
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Andy Sanborn

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the minutes of the September 16, 2016 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 15-229 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to implement the actions contained in the Cost Savings Plan to support the dual purposes within the Sununu Youth Services Center of providing both secure youth detention and psychiatric residential treatment. (FIS 15-229 Additional Information – Letter from Representative Kurk, dated November 18, 2015, containing two separate provisions relative to the funding of the Sununu Youth Services Center). Tabled 12/18/15. No Action Taken.

FIS 16-082 New Hampshire Liquor Commission – authorization to accept and expend \$249,270 in other funds through September 30, 2016. Tabled 05/20/16. No Action Taken.

FIS 16-087 Department of Health and Human Services, FIS 16-098 Replacement Department of Education, and FIS 16-099 Replacement New Hampshire Employment Security – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Eaton, that items FIS 16-087, FIS 16-098, and FIS 16-099 be removed from the table.

At the request of Representative Eaton, a roll call was taken and the results were as follows:

Representative Weyler – No
Representative Ober – No
Representative Wallner – Yes
Representative Eaton – Yes
Senator Forrester – Yes
Senator Daniels – No
Senator Sanborn – No
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Kurk – No (4-Yes; 5-No)
MOTION FAILED.

Requests FIS 16-087 Department of Health and Human Services – to accept and expend \$8,298,168 in federal funds effective July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (Postponed May 20, 2016 and Tabled June 24, 2016), FIS 16-098 Replacement Department of Education - contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval of FIS 16-087, authorization to accept and expend \$612,500 in other funds for the period of September 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017, which replaces request FIS 16-098 Department of Education - contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval of FIS 16-087, to accept and expend \$612,500 in other funds for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (Tabled 06/24/16), and FIS 16-099 Replacement New Hampshire Employment Security – contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval of FIS 16-087, authorization to 1) accept and expend \$477,930 in other funds for the period of September 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017, and 2) establish seven (7) full-time temporary positions consisting of; six (6) Employment Counselor Specialist (LG 19) and one (1) Program Specialist I (LG 19) for the period of September 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017, which replaces request FIS 16-099 New Hampshire Employment Security – contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval of FIS 16-087, to; 1) accept and expend \$477,930 in other funds through December 31, 2016, and 2) establish seven (7) full-time temporary positions consisting of; six (6) Employment Counselor Specialist (LG 19) and one (1) Program Specialist I (LG 19) for the period beginning July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (Tabled 06/24/16) remained on the table. No Action Taken.

FIS 16-093 New Hampshire Liquor Commission – authorization to accept and expend \$109,692 in other funds through September 30, 2016. Tabled 06/24/16. No Action Taken.

FIS 16-141 Replacement Department of Environmental Services – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee approve the replacement request of the Department of Environmental Services to; 1) accept and expend \$246,177 in federal funds through June 30, 2017, and 2) establish one (1) temporary

full-time Environmentalist III (LG 23) position through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-c TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 16-154 Department of Safety – authorization to transfer \$4,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2017]

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Senator Sanborn, FIS 16-158 Department of Health and Human Services was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 16-155 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to budget and expend \$20,000,000 in prior year carry forward other funds through June 30, 2017, and FIS 16-157 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$175,929 in federal funds through June 30, 2017]

FIS 16-158 Department of Health and Human Services – Patricia Tilley, Division of Public Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services, responded questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$735,768 in federal funds through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Department include WIC Program figures for future Monthly Dashboards.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 16-156 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department of Safety, responded to questions of the Committee. Joseph Bouchard, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, was also present to respond to questions.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to retroactively extend the end date from October 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for one temporary part-time Program Assistant II (LG 15) position (originally approved April 15, 2016, FIS 16-063). MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

FIS 16-159 Judicial Council – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$100,000 in general funds for the period effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEMS:

FIS 16-162 Department of Administrative Services – Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, and Michael Connor, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer \$1,000,000 in general and other funds in and among accounting units through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 16-161 Department of Health and Human Services – Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, and Deborah Fournier, Director, Office of Medicaid Business and Policy, Department of Health and Human Services, respond to questions of the Committee regarding the August 31, 2016 Operating Statistics Dashboard report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

The Committee requested the Department provide information pertaining to; 1) the Reductions in Uncompensated Care, 2) New Hampshire Hospital staff vacancy rates, 3) Managed Care administrative fees and actuary assumptions, 4) Medicaid GAAP adjustments, 5) Mandated/optional Medicaid services, and 6) Medicaid fee for service workers within the Department.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

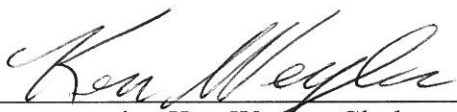
State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, Internal Control Review, Medicaid Eligibility, October 2016 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and James LaRiviere, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant

presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, and Melody Braley, Chief of Operations, Division of Client Services, Department of Health and Human Services, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee accept the audit on the agenda, place on file, and release in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, November 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk