DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
(Services for People with Disabilities, and related administrative functions)
FY 2012-13 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA

Tuesday, January 10, 2012
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

1:30-1:45 INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

1:45-2:15 TRANSFER OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS FROM HUMAN SERVICES TO HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING

1. *[Senator Lambert]* Please explain why the Departments did not involve the Community Center Boards in the formulation of the response to the request for information.

2. *[Rep. Gerou]* Were Community Center Boards involved in previous discussions about the possible transfer of the developmental disabilities waiver programs to Health Care Policy and Financing? If so, how? If not, why not?

3. *[Rep. Gerou]* Please explain the impact on clients and families, in each of the three programs, if the proposed transfers go forward. Will the proposal result in increased or decreased fragmentation for clients and providers (please answer separately for each program)?

4. *[Sen. Steadman]* How much time have the Departments spent talking to stakeholders about this proposal? Does the Department have stakeholder buy-in for this proposal? If not, how do the Departments intend to obtain stakeholder buy-in?

5. *[Rep. Gerou]* Why are the Aging Programs and Children's Habilitation Residential Program included in the proposal?

6. *[Rep. Gerou]* Please provide a detailed list of the specific programs involved in the proposal. Please include information on whether the following programs are involved: early intervention services, regional centers, and vocational rehabilitation services.

7. *[Rep. Gerou]* Have the Departments discussed how employees will be transferred from one department to another? What will this transfer look like? What will the impacts be on employees, program operation, and the provision of services?

8. *[Rep. Gerou]* Please explain which licensing functions will be transferred to Health Care Policy and Financing.

9. *[Sen. Lambert]* Please explain the Departments long-term process for making these types of decisions. How do the Departments plan to answer the questions of the General Assembly regarding the transparency of these decisions?

10. *[Rep. Gerou]* What do the Departments see as the Joint Budget Committee's role in this process?

2:15-2:30 REGIONAL CENTERS

11. *[Sen. Steadman]* Please explain the process of moving individuals from Regional Centers to community placements, as referenced in the FY 2012-13 budget request. Please include when the process starts, the number of individuals moved each year, and the estimated cost savings of moving these individuals.

12. *[Sen. Steadman]* As part of transitioning individuals to community placements, will one or more Regional Centers be closed? What would this look like, and will state employees be laid off?

13. *[Sen. Steadman]* Please explain how the role of Regional Centers is different than the role of community placements. How are the populations and services provided at Regional Centers different than those individuals and services provided in community settings?

14. *[Rep. Young]* Please provide data on the complexity of the types of individuals served at Regional Centers.

15. *[Sen. Steadman and Aguilar]* Can community settings handle the high need medical individuals in the same manner as Regional Centers? Has an independent evaluation been made to see if individuals served in Regional Centers can be served in a community setting? If so, what was the result of the evaluation? If not, why not?

2:30-2:45 MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

16. *[Sen. Aguilar]* Do youth transitioning out of foster care go into the comprehensive waiver program even if they do not require comprehensive services? If so, why?

17. *[Rep. Gerou]* Please provide the waiting list number, broken out by waiver services for the past ten years. What is the annual growth of the demand for each waiver service?

18. *[Sen. Aguilar]* Please explain what accounts for the difference between the maximum SPAL of $35,000 and the average cost of a community placement of $65,000 (from the table on page 28 of the Staff briefing document)?

19. *[Rep. Gerou]* Are individuals spending to their maximum SPAL? If so, why?

20. *[Sen. Aguilar]* Please provide the ages of the 1,887 adults on the waiting list.

21. *[Rep. Young]* Please explain the current and proposed definition of a developmental disability. In the response, please include:
    a. What the basis for the current and proposed definition is; and
    b. The impact on the size of the waiting list.

2:45-2:55 EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

22. *[Staff initiated]* Please provide the following information about early intervention services:
    a. The funding required in FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 to serve all eligible children;
    b. Funding sources, other than state General Fund that can be used for these services; and
    c. The immediate and long-term consequences of not providing these services to all eligible children.

2:55-3:00 HOME CARE ALLOWANCE

23. *[Sen. Steadman]* Please explain the current and future (as of January 1, 2012) relationship between waiver services and the home care allowance. In the response please include:
    a. The number of individuals impacted by the change;
    b. The options available to those individuals;
    c. The choices of those individuals.

24. *[Rep. Young]* Please explain how the Department will determine which individuals on the waiting list will receive the home care allowance.