



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 2010

TO: Appropriations Chairman Senator Jean M Hunhoff
 Appropriations Co-Chairman Representative Larry Tidemann

FROM: *DKB*
 Deborah K. Bowman, Secretary

SUBJECT: FY2011 Budget Questions and Responses

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Joint Appropriations Committee to share our proposed FY2011 budget request. Below are responses to the questions and additional follow-up information per your committee's request.

1. Could you provide more details on the ARRA Weatherization funding? (Senator Ahlers)
South Dakota's American Recover & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) weatherization award was \$24,487,296 and we anticipate a minimum of 2,327 homes will be weatherized. The time frame to spend the ARRA funding is April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2012.
2. What is the balance in the In-Home Services other funds? (Senator Tideman, Representative Peters)
Below find the breakdown of the other funds for Homemaker Fees. BFM will be providing you with additional condition statements and feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
 OTHER/LOCAL DONATED
 CONDITION STATEMENT (3079 - 834) - Homemaker Fees**

	ACTUAL FY2008	ACTUAL FY2009	PROJECTED FY2010	PROJECTED FY2011
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$701,120	\$721,750	\$773,372	\$787,094
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$435,955	\$493,374	\$1,876,089	\$1,976,089
NET (Receipts less Disbursements)	\$265,165	\$228,375	(\$1,102,717)	(\$1,188,995)
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$2,711,544	\$2,976,709	\$3,205,084	\$2,102,368
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$2,976,709	\$3,205,084	\$2,102,368	\$913,373

* This is just for the Homemaker Fees.

3. Can you provide a reconciliation of the numbers provided by Volunteers of America (VOA) regarding the number of families served? Can you also provide an average amount of time spent per family for both programs? Will there be an overtime impact? (Representative Peters)
Families in trial reunification are still in court custody and are being served by Child Protection Services so CPS staff will continue to be involved with those cases. The Court Ordered Supervision involves cases that have been closed with CPS and VOA follows along for a designated period established by the court.

The information provided by VOA included a cumulative total of families served since inception of the program in 2007. The numbers we provided at our budget hearing included numbers served for the month of December 2009. We concur with VOA's information that there have been 272 families served (132 Trial Reunification and 140 Court Ordered Supervision) since the program began in August of 2007.

The level of service varies depending on the needs of the individual families. On average, staff spends 3 hours per week when the case is initiated and this level decreases over time. Based upon the number of families served and number of hours of staff time required, we believe our 41 CPS staff in Rapid City and 40 CPS staff in Sioux Falls can absorb these cases with minimal impact on overtime. Field staff for CPS is funded with 46% federal funds.

4. Can the travel budgets and the supply budgets be reduced? (Senator Ahlers)
DSS has made concerted efforts to minimize travel and supply expenditures. Staff are not attending any out of state conferences unless attendance at the conference is tied to receipt of federal grant funds and is required federally. Our travel expenses are primarily for Child Protection and we will continue to incur travel expenses for this purpose to ensure the needs of the children we serve are met. In addition, postage rate increases which are out of our control will likely continue to increase. At this time, we anticipate using our budget for SFY11.

Travel Summary:

	General	Federal	Other	Total
FY09 Expenditures	\$775,536	\$941,301	\$22,161	\$1,738,998
FY11 Budget	\$787,473	\$1,335,581	\$33,290	\$2,156,344
Difference	\$11,937	\$394,280	\$11,129	\$417,346

Supply Summary:

	General	Federal	Other	Total
FY09 Expenditures	\$1,063,646	\$1,887,933	\$122,960	\$3,074,539
FY11 Budget	\$984,694	\$2,032,981	\$183,302	\$3,200,977
Difference	(\$78,952)	\$145,048	\$60,342	\$126,438

5. Does Medicaid reimburse for hospice care provided in the home? (Senator Hundstad)
We apologize for the confusion on this question. Hospice care is a covered service through the Medicaid State Plan.

If you have further questions regarding the Governor's recommended budget for FY2011 for the Department of Social Services, please feel free to contact me or Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, Chief Financial Officer, at 773-3166.

Thank you!

