

ORG. UNIT: 2430

BUDGET: Department of Child Support Enforcement

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE: October 8, 2009

Audio: 100809 Org 2430

STAFF PRESENT:

County Board: Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst
Department of Administration: Steve Kreklow, Fiscal and Budget Administrator
County Executive: Tim Russell, Deputy Chief of Staff

APPEARANCE:

Janet Nelson, Interim Director, Department of Child Support Enforcement

Ms. Nelson provided an overview of the Department's Budget stating it is a cost-to-continue budget that includes no layoffs and has an emphasis on providing clients assistance with how to access child support online services. Online services will allow clients to get immediate answers to their questions without having to come into the office or calling the Call Center. This, in turn, will eliminate a backlog of "review" and "adjust" cases.

Supervisor Jursik expressed concern regarding the County Executive's absence being, in this case, the only real constitutional officer answerable to the Board considering this Department has an acting director that has not been approved by the Board.

Questions and comments pertaining to this budget as a whole ensued.

ACTION BY: (*Jursik*) Lay over the Budget for Org. 2430 to allow the County Executive an opportunity to appear and address the Committee. 2-5

AYES: West and Jursik - 2

NOES: Thomas, Mayo, Schmitt, Johnson, and Coggs (Chair) - 5

EXCUSED:

The motion by Supervisor Jursik failed.

ACTION BY: (*Johnson*) Approve the Budget as recommended by the County Executive. 4-3

AYES: Thomas, Schmitt, Johnson, and Coggs (Chair) - 4

NOES: Mayo, West, and Jursik - 3

EXCUSED:

Jodi Kapp

Committee Clerk

Committee on Finance and Audit

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ORG. UNIT: 4900

BUDGET: Medical Examiner

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE: October 8, 2009

Audio: 100809 Org 4900

STAFF PRESENT:

County Board: Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst
Department of Administration: Steve Kreklow, Fiscal and Budget Administrator
County Executive: Tim Russell, Deputy Chief of Staff

APPEARANCES:

Dr. Christopher Happy, Medical Examiner
Karen Domagalski, Operations Manager, Medical Examiner's Office

Dr. Happy provided an overview of the Department's Budget and indicated they are implementing an increase in permit fees for both cremation and transport services. In addition, professional testimony performed by this Department, both in the County and out, will increase. They have been approved for a capital expenditure for new equipment. The current contract for x-ray services will no longer be necessary because it will be done in-house. Over time, this will save money.

Questions and comments pertaining to this budget as a whole ensued.

ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve the Budget as recommended by the County Executive. 5-2

AYES: Thomas, Mayo, Schmitt, Johnson, and Coggs (Chair) - 5

NOES: West and Jursik - 2

EXCUSED:

Jodi Mayo

Committee Clerk
Committee on Finance and Audit

ORG. UNITS: 7900 & 7990

BUDGET: Department on Aging

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE: October 8, 2009

Audio: 100809 Orgs 7900 & 7990

STAFF PRESENT:

County Board: Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst
Department of Administration: Steve Kreklow, Fiscal and Budget Administrator
County Executive: Tim Russell, Deputy Chief of Staff

APPEARANCES:

Stephanie Stein, Director, Department on Aging
Jim Hodson, Chief Financial Officer (CMO), Department on Aging
Mary Proctor Brown, Budget Manager, Department on Aging

Ms. Stein provided an overview of the Department's Budget stating it is broken down into two sections. Those sections include the Area Agency and Resource Center and the Care Management Organization (CMO). Funding was lost for two programs (Wellness and Prevention and Alzheimer's family caregiver support) under the Area Agency and Resource Center. Alzheimer's family caregivers are not eligible for Family Care. Due to the advocacy of State Representative Grisby in the State Capitol, the money for Alzheimer's family caregiver support was restored. It was not restored in time for their submission of this budget and will be handled later through a fund transfer. They will, however, be able to continue to serve these families.

Madame Chair requested that staff draft a letter to State Representative Grisby on behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee thanking her for her relentless advocacy in this area.

Questions and comments pertaining to this budget as a whole ensued.

Supervisor De Bruin requested follow-up information regarding the reduction of the major maintenance account. She indicated she would like a short spreadsheet that reflects how much money has been in these accounts for the last five to ten years and whether that money has been spent each year. She is also interested in seeing a list of any outstanding major maintenance projects for the senior center facilities and what prioritization is placed on those repairs.

ACTION BY: *(Johnson)* Approve the Budget as recommended by the County Executive. 6-1
AYES: Mayo, Schmitt, Johnson, West, Jursik and Coggs (Chair) -6
NOES: Thomas - 1
EXCUSED:

Jodi Kapp

Committee Clerk

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ORG. UNIT: 6300

BUDGET: DHHS–Behavioral Health Division

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE: October 8, 2009

Audio: 100809 Org 6300

STAFF PRESENT:

County Board: Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst

Department of Administration: Steve Kreklow, Fiscal and Budget Administrator

County Executive: Tim Russell, Deputy Chief of Staff

APPEARANCES:

Lisa Jo Marks, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

John Chianelli, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division (BHD), DHHS

Ms. Marks provided an overview of the Department’s Budget stating it maintains the statutory required services by preserving core patient services and capacity by redesigning programs, working with community partners, and maximizing State and Federal programs. Highlights included transferring Occupational Health to Risk Management, consolidating functions out of the Day Hospital into the main Psychiatric Hospital, maintaining the dietary outsourcing, redesigning the Day Treatment Program and Strategic Purchase of community slots for Community Support Programs and Targeted Case Management services, moving the Emergency Medical Service program under BHD administration, maintaining their medical emergency services training program, maintaining their statutory contribution to the State health programs, and proposing the outsourcing of housekeeping.

Mr. Chianelli stated decisions regarding this budget were made in the spirit of trying to maintain core clinical capacity to serve the people in this community with behavioral health issues. Decisions were also made in line with promoting clinical quality and safety for clients. They came up with initiatives and looked for ways to operate the facility more efficiently and cost effectively.

The following people appeared and spoke regarding this item:

Russell Frakes	Patty Yunk	Janet Wimmer
Diane Hill	Je’ette Tennies	Todd Wilson
Martina Collin-Graves	Eddy Sadowsky	Juan Macias
Don Scaffidi	Stephanie Bloomingdale	Jamie Heise
Angel Rivera Mendez	Chris Peterson	Sandy Jacobs
Mary Neubauer	Barbara Beckert	Janet Malmon
Conor Williams	Anthony Stith	Monica Doyle
Dawn Jashinsky	Amanda Schneider	Brenda Wesley
Joanne Marczewski	Otis Turner	Kurt Zunker

Continuation of people who appeared and spoke regarding this item:

J.R.	Janet G. Arnold	Belle Guild
Serge Blasberg	Sharon Liebmann	Cory Liebmann
Kathy Harmon	Donna Horder	Ann Laatsch

The Committee broke for lunch at noon and reconvened at 12:48 p.m. The roll call was taken and all Committee Members, with the exception of Supervisor Mayo who appeared shortly thereafter, were present.

Questions and comments pertaining to this budget as a whole ensued.

Supervisor Jursik expressed concern regarding the County Executive's absence being, in this case, the only real constitutional officer answerable to the Board, considering this Department has an acting director that has not been approved by the Board. She requested that staff provide her with a side-by-side comparison of services that were funded in the 2009 Adopted Budget versus services funded in the County Executive's 2010 Recommended Budget. She would also like to see the total number of positions being proposed for abolishment and how the reduction will affect the ability to serve clients.

Testimony was given by BHD workers as they expressed their concerns regarding the affect privatization would have on the delivery of services to non-English speaking clients. Supervisor West requested that the bilingual aspect of privatizing be reviewed.

Supervisor De Bruin requested the following issues be referred to the Policy Committee for the October meeting cycle to evaluate the pros, cons, and implications of proposed changes: 1) the programmatic aspect of the redesign of the Day Treatment and DBT Programs; 2) the programmatic aspect of the section titled "Strategic Purchase of Community Support Program and Targeted Case Management community slots." With this section, she would like departmental staff, along with County Board staff, to obtain some sort of independent verification that the private sector does have the capacity to provide the needed number of slots and that the levels of service currently required by these clients can be maintained in the community. If it is decided that a lower level of services will be provided once transferred into the community and that factor is being considered as part of the cost savings and transition, it should be noted as well; and 3) the rationale for how the efficiencies and synergies are listed under the transfer of EMS to BHD. There is no financial figure reflected, however, she would like to know if the cost savings would fall under BHD.

Supervisor Mayo requested that all Request for Proposals (RFP) included in the BHD Recommended Budget be referred to the Policy Committee in order to analyze the cost savings and include projections of what employee staffing numbers is anticipated to be as well. This will provide a clear understanding of where the savings will be seen.

Supervisor Thomas requested an organizational chart that compares the ratio of managers to staff supervised.

ACTION BY: (*Jursik*) Lay over the Budget for Org. 6300 pending receipt of the information requested above along with the Policy Committee's consideration of issues in the October meeting cycle.

AYES: Thomas, Mayo, Schmitt, Johnson, West, Jursik and Coggs (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

EXCUSED:

Jodi Kapp

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ORG. UNIT: 8000

BUDGET: Department of Health and Human Services

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE: October 8, 2009

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STAFF PRESENT:

County Board: Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst
Department of Administration: Steve Kreklow, Fiscal and Budget Administrator
County Executive: Tim Russell, Deputy Chief of Staff

APPEARANCES:

Lisa Jo Marks, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services

The following people appeared and spoke regarding this item:

Luanne McGregor
Ann Laatsch

The following people registered but did not speak regarding this item:

Bobby Blain
Maudwella Kirkendon

ACTION BY: (*Schmitt*) Lay over Org. 8000. 7-0

AYES: Thomas, Mayo, Schmitt, Johnson, West, Jursik and Coggs (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

EXCUSED:

Jodi Kapp

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