

**Department of Social Services
Joint Appropriations Committee
February 5, 2018**

1. Senator Peters: Can you provide a list of the functions within the finance office, a list of accounting band positions and their requirements for the positions?

Finance staff are listed below:

Recoveries and Investigations: 21.0 FTE
Accounting and Financial Reporting: 22.0 FTE
EBT Administration: 9.5 FTE
Provider Reimbursements and Audits: 5.5 FTE
Operations & Technology: 3.0 FTE
HSC Business Office: 7.0 FTE

Finance has 13 positions in the accounting band.

The 13 positions broken out by classification are:

1 Accountant/Auditor I
4 Accountant/Auditor II
4 Accountant/Auditor III
2 Acct/Auditor Manager I
2 Acct/Auditor Manager II

Job Knowledge preferences for Accounting Band positions:

Accountant/Auditor I: 4-year accounting degree, coursework in accounting, or seasoned vocational accounting practitioner who has familiarity with accounting principles.

Accountant/Auditor II: 4-year accounting degree and 1 -2 years of progressive experience equivalent to Level 1 of the Accounting Job Family.

Accountant/Auditor III: 4-year accounting degree and 3 – 5 years of progressive experience equivalent to Level 2 of the Accounting Job Family.

Acct/Auditor Manager I: College degree and 1-2 years of relevant experience in the accounting field.

Acct/Auditor Manager II: 4-year accounting degree or equivalent experience plus 3 – 5 years of relevant experience in the accounting field.

2. Senator Peters: Can you provide us with some summary information regarding who the Victims' Services program serves, new activities you are funding with the increased grant dollars, and what the goals of the program are?

The Victims' Services Program administers four federal grants that provide funding to agencies that offer shelter, advocacy, crisis counseling, and other services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and other violent crimes. In SFY17 over 26,000 individuals received services through the program. Twenty-six shelter agencies located across the state provide shelter services including emergency shelter for adults and their children, crisis counseling, child and adult therapy, child and adult group counseling, information and referral, follow-up contact, food, clothing, transportation, medical advocacy, and legal advocacy. Four counseling centers that have regional offices stationed across the state provide free individual and family therapy for both adult and child victims. Five Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) located in Mitchell, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Spearfish and Yankton provide personal advocacy to child victims of abuse and neglect. Three child assessment centers located in Pierre, Sioux Falls and the Black Hills provide forensic interviews for child victims of sexual abuse. Seven victim assistants located

in Brown, Beadle, Lincoln, Charles Mix, Pennington (2), and Clay counties provide legal advocacy as well as information and referral. Three victim assistants in the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation are also supported by grant funding provided through the Department of Social Services. Legal services will be available in FY18 in targeted areas of the state. Most grantees apply for multiple grants available through the program.

The largest federal grant in this area is the VOCA Victim Assistance funding and is used to assist victims of crime as soon as possible after a crime occurs in order to reduce the severity of the psychological consequences of the victimization and to demonstrate on-going support for the victim in coping with the impact of the victimization.

- Priority for funding is given to programs that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse.
- 10% of funds must go to programs that provide assistance to underserved populations.
- In SFY18 the State awarded VOCA funds to 42 grantees including 26 domestic violence sexual assault shelter programs, 1 rape crisis center, 1 victim assistant program, 5 court appointed special advocates (CASAs), 4 counseling centers, 2 child assessment centers and legal services provided with a total of \$3.0 million contracted.
- Requires 20% match which is provided by the grantee through in-kind or cash match.
- DSS is currently working with stakeholders to identify additional unmet needs and is holding a grantee informational meeting in March 2018.

3. Senator Peters: Can you clarify your approach for base funding the Eligibility & Enrollment System?

As we indicated, the project is slated to span across multiple fiscal years. The request for federal funding will be removed from the budget via the appropriation process when the project is complete.

4. Representative Anderson: What are the administration costs versus the service costs of weatherization funds?

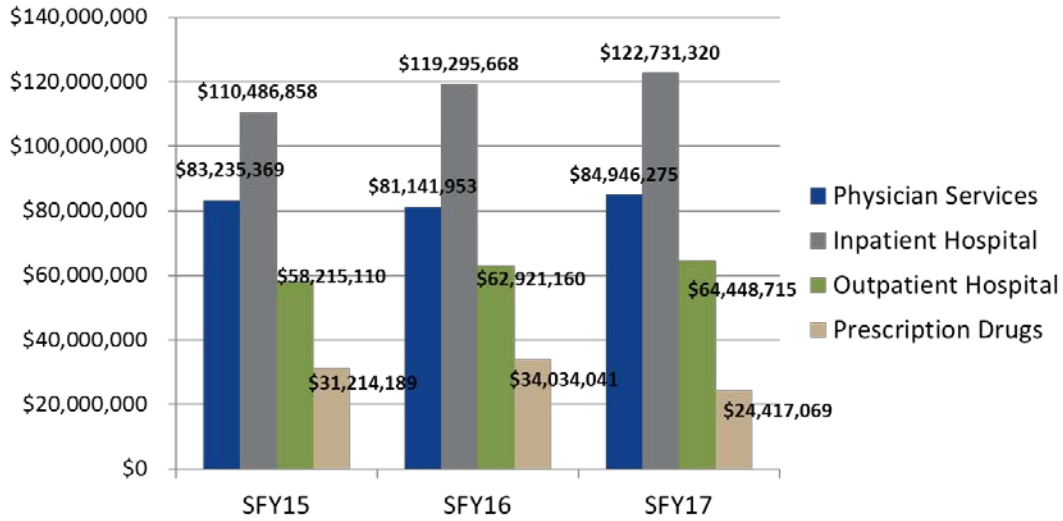
The US Dept. U.S. Dept. of Energy limits Weatherization program administrative expenditures to 10% of the total weatherization allocation. In SFY17, the Weatherization grant was \$1,776,878. In SFY17, the administration spend was 9% of the total grant or \$160,021 dollars which includes both the State and Client Assistance Program (CAP) administrative costs.

Any unspent administrative funds are moved to program operations.

5. Representative Hunhoff: What is the average length of eligibility for children on Medicaid?

18 Months for Children in 2017.

6. Representative Hunhoff: Can you provide a 3 year history of expenditures in the Big Four and a summary of the top 25 high-cost claims?



7. Representative Hunhoff: What would the enhancements be to the Health Home request?
 Our proposal was to invest ½ into per member per month rates and the other ½ into enhanced payment for high performing Health Home providers.

8. Representative Bartels: On the request to expand behavioral health providers, what are the rates?
 If the request is approved, these independent mental health practitioners would be reimbursed \$103.78 per hour.

9. Representative Bartels: Can you compile a summary slide that identifies where the funding will be distributed by agency?

Federal Policy Implementation

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Strategy	SFY19 (General) Partial Implementation	General	Federal	Total
Add Substance Abuse Services LRC DSS Budget Brief Page 47	\$872k	\$872,905	\$1,127,795	\$2,000,700
Add Mental Health Providers LRC DSS Budget Brief Page 22	\$265k	\$265,642	\$343,209	\$608,851
Add Community Health Workers LRC DSS Budget Brief Page 23	\$100k	\$98,168	\$126,833	\$225,001
Shared Savings with Providers LRC DSS Budget Brief Page 23	\$630k	\$630,000	\$243,808	\$873,808
Provider Rates	\$2.7m	\$2,719,375	\$3,077,084	\$5,796,459
DSS LRC DSS Budget Brief Page 24 & 35		\$1,112,234	\$1,132,676	\$2,244,910
DHS LRC DHS Budget Brief Page 24 & 29		\$1,504,959	\$1,944,408	\$3,449,367
DOC LRC DOC Budget Brief Page 49		\$102,182		\$102,182
Total	\$4.6m	\$4,586,090	\$4,918,729	\$9,504,819

10. Representative Hunhoff: In CPS guardianships, can we get the number of kids that are projected to transition off the program?

The projection for FY18 is 23 youth will reach the age of majority and in FY19 17 youth.

11. Representative Hunhoff: In the Child Support program, can you provide the total amount of current support obligations due and what was collected in FY17? Can we get national comparisons?

Total current support obligations due was \$114.5 million and \$75.5 million (66%) was collected. The national average of percentage of total support collected is 65.6%.

12. Representative Hunhoff: Can we get a 5 year history on the Medicare bed days?

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
HSC Medicare Days	6,458	6,319	6,060	5,508	4,442

13. Senator Nesiba: Can we get the current Child Care Co-Payment amount?



South Dakota Child Care Subsidy Co-Payments

Family Size	100%	105%	110%	115%	120%	125%	130%	135%	140%	150%	165%	175%
2	\$1,353	\$1,421	\$1,489	\$1,556	\$1,624	\$1,692	\$1,759	\$1,827	\$1,895	\$2,030	\$2,233	\$2,368
co-pay	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$67	\$135	\$203	\$246	\$256	\$265	\$284	\$313	\$332
3	\$1,702	\$1,787	\$1,872	\$1,957	\$2,042	\$2,127	\$2,212	\$2,297	\$2,382	\$2,553	\$2,808	\$2,978
co-pay	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$85	\$170	\$255	\$310	\$322	\$333	\$357	\$393	\$417
4	\$2,050	\$2,153	\$2,255	\$2,358	\$2,460	\$2,563	\$2,665	\$2,768	\$2,870	\$3,075	\$3,383	\$3,588
co-pay	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$103	\$205	\$308	\$373	\$388	\$402	\$431	\$474	\$502
5	\$2,398	\$2,518	\$2,638	\$2,758	\$2,878	\$2,998	\$3,118	\$3,238	\$3,358	\$3,598	\$3,957	\$4,197
co-pay	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$120	\$240	\$360	\$437	\$453	\$470	\$504	\$554	\$588
6	\$2,747	\$2,884	\$3,021	\$3,159	\$3,296	\$3,433	\$3,571	\$3,708	\$3,845	\$4,120	\$4,532	\$4,807
co-pay	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$138	\$275	\$412	\$500	\$519	\$538	\$577	\$634	\$673
7	\$3,095	\$3,250	\$3,405	\$3,559	\$3,714	\$3,869	\$4,024	\$4,178	\$4,333	\$4,643	\$5,107	\$5,416
co-pay	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$154	\$309	\$464	\$563	\$585	\$607	\$650	\$715	\$758
8	\$3,443	\$3,616	\$3,788	\$3,960	\$4,132	\$4,304	\$4,476	\$4,649	\$4,821	\$5,165	\$5,682	\$6,026
co-pay	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$172	\$344	\$516	\$627	\$651	\$675	\$723	\$795	\$844

How to read scale

Locate family size in the far left column. Follow the line across to find top number which most closely matches the family's estimated monthly gross income (all sources, including wages, child support, etc). The blue number directly below it would be the estimated family co-payment (the copayment is the portion of the total assistance which the family is responsible for paying each month).