



Health Information and Analysis Oversight Council Administration & Finance Committee

Executive Office for Administration and Finance
State House Room 373, Boston, MA
October 26, 2015 11:15 AM

Minutes

The meeting began at 11:20 AM.

Present were Secretary Lepore, Alice Moore (designee of Secretary Sudders), Executive Director David Seltz, and Oversight Council Member Fay Donohue.

Executive Director Boros presented FY16 revenues. Executive Director Seltz asked Executive Director Boros to discuss the assessment in more detail. Executive Director Boros explained the statutory language regarding the assessment, the interpretation of that language and the related CHIA regulations.

Executive Director Boros outlined FY16 spending. Secretary Lepore asked a question about the funding set aside in CHIA's budget for a transparency website. Executive Director Boros explained that a transparency website is required by statute. Council Member Donohue questioned whether the funding level was right and Executive Director Boros offered examples of similar websites and their costs. Executive Director Boros acknowledged that there are a number of questions to be answered in collaboration with the Oversight Council and the Administration before CHIA could finalize a consumer website budget.

Secretary Lepore asked Executive Director Boros to explain staffing allocations and detail spending growth over the past four years. Executive Director Boros explained that much of the growth was due to new requirements in Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012. Executive Director Boros identified the calculation of Total Health Care Expenditures (THCE), the mandate to make the APCD available, reporting on premium and alternative payment levels, staffing of the Statewide Quality Advisory Committee (SQAC) and issuing the Standard Quality Measure Set (SQMS), the Betsy Lehman Center, Registered Provider Organization reporting, MassHealth data investment, and the continuing study of mental health and substance use disorder as new projects.

Secretary Lepore asked what consultants are used for. Executive Director Boros explained that CHIA uses vendors for complicated network infrastructure, actuarial work, quality work and surveys.

Secretary Lepore requested a greater understanding of payroll growth at the agency from FY12-FY16. Executive Boros walked the committee through the agency's growth at a high level in the past few years. Committee members requested a greater understanding of the allocation of staff and consultants to various

projects. It was agreed that Executive Director Boros would provide this information to A&F Committee Members and that they would meet again in November to review this information.

Council Member Donohue requested that this process begin earlier in future years. Undersecretary Moore suggested that the A&F Committee present a budget process plan to the full oversight council at its next meeting. It was agreed that Executive Director Boros would present a proposed budget process and calendar to the A&F Committee for their consideration at the next meeting of the committee. The meeting adjourned at 12:15.