



Health Information and Analysis Oversight Council Administration & Finance Committee

Executive Office for Administration and Finance
State House Room 373, Boston, MA
June 12, 2018 9:30 AM

MEETING MINUTES

Present were Elizabeth Denniston (designee of Secretary Michael Heffernan), Fay Donohue, Coleen Elstermeyer (designee of Health Policy Commission Executive Director David Seltz), Lauren Peters (designee of Secretary Marylou Sudders), and CHIA Executive Director Ray Campbell.

Noting the presence of a quorum, Ms. Denniston called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Ms. Denniston requested a motion to approve meeting minutes from February 27. Ms. Donohue made a motion to approve the minutes, which Ms. Elstermeyer duly seconded. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

Mr. Campbell led the Committee through an overview of CHIA's fiscal year 2018 budget. He noted that the agency's projected surplus had grown over the previous quarter, due, in part, to shifts in IT infrastructure to cloud-based services and increased revenues through data sales. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Elstermeyer asked how CHIA planned to use any surplus funds. Mr. Campbell stated that the agency was pursuing a PAC that would allow CHIA to apply a surplus to its FY19 budget. Ms. Donohue reiterated an earlier request that Committee documents present a comparison to the year's starting budget in order to understand how projections evolved over time. Ms. Peters asked Mr. Campbell to prepare an estimate of the anticipated costs to CHIA of implementing the pending health care bills before the Legislature.

Mr. Campbell then provided an overview of CHIA's FY19 budget. He explained that there was a delta between CHIA's appropriation and anticipated FY19 spending. Bridging this gap, he explained, would require carrying forward CHIA's FY18 surplus and some amount of capital borrowing. Ms. Peters inquired as to where the additional spending would be reflected in CHIA's budget. Mr. Campbell indicated that it was concentrated within the agency's IT department. She requested that Mr. Campbell provide a budget view that included the additional spending, assigned to the appropriate object classes and departments. Ms. Donohue requested that it also include a breakout of debt service payments. Ms. Denniston suggested that the Committee spend some time discussing CHIA's capital request in more detail at the next meeting.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.