Testimony House Bill 1012 – Department of Human Services House Appropriations – Human Resources Division Representative Pollert, Chairman January 28, 2013

Chairman Pollert, members of the House Appropriations Committee – Human Resources Division. I am Alex C. Schweitzer, Director of Field Services of the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today to provide you an overview of the statewide Human Service Center administration.

Programs

This area of the budget includes the system-wide resources to provide support to the Field Services division to carry out their programs. Resources include the Lead Fiscal Manager for Field Services, the statewide Human Service Center Training Coordinator, the centralized billing and receivables department, and the state-wide contracts for Inpatient Hospitalization, Medical Detoxification, and Mobile On-call Crisis Stabilization services.

All of these resources were previously budgeted in one of the human service centers or in the Administration area of the Department's budget.

Major Program Changes

There have not been any major program changes in this area.

	2011 - 2013	2013 - 2015	Increase /
Description	Budget	Budget	Decrease
HSCs / Institutions	6,002,865	6,069,755	66,890
General Fund	4,653,031	4,994,616	341,585
Federal Funds	1,349,834	1,075,139	(274,695)
Other Funds	0	0	0
Total	6,002,865	6,069,755	66,890
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Overview of Budget Changes – State-Wide HSC Management

The major changes can be explained as follows:

- \$41,586 in total funds, all general fund, is needed to fund the Governor's Benefit package for health insurance and retirement for state employees.
- \$37,578 in total funds, all general fund, is needed to fund the employee increases approved by the last Legislative Assembly.
- Decreases in travel and rent account for a reduction of approximately \$12,000 in the operating area.

The increase in general fund is related to a decrease in federal collection funding in this portion of the budget for the 2013-2015 biennium.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.