

Testimony
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Chairman Holmberg, members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am Tina Bay, Director of the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Human Services. I am here today to provide you an overview of the Developmental Disabilities Division, for the Department of Human Services.

Programs

The Developmental Disabilities Division is made up of 9 FTEs who are responsible for the needs assessment, staff training, development of policy, quality assurance, compliance with federal oversight agency rules, and service monitoring functions relating to the provision of home and community based services for individuals who have a developmental disability, as well as children who are at risk of developmental delays.

Division staff interact regularly with the developmental disability staff at the regional human service centers, the Developmental Center, federal agency representatives, school systems, universities, consumer advocates, and a variety of public and private entities that play a vital role in the delivery system and monitoring of services.

Caseload / Customer Base

In SFY 2010, 5,341 individuals received developmental disability program management through the human service centers, and

7,746 Right Track screenings were completed for infants and toddlers birth to three years of age at risk for developmental delays.

412 wards were served through the Catholic Charities Corporate guardianship for SFY 2010.

Program Trends / Major Program Changes

Increased federal accountability requirements and oversight – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has placed greater emphasis on providing evidence of compliance with the health and welfare assurances required in the Medicaid waivers. CMS has become more prescriptive, requires more state reporting, and requires more oversight of providers on the part of the state.

During the 2009 Legislative Session, HB 1556 directed the Department to contract with an independent contractor to study the methodology and calculations for the rate setting structure used by the Department to reimburse public and private providers. Through workgroups that included the independent contractor, stakeholders and Department staff, a recommendation was made to change from a cost-based reimbursement system to a prospective reimbursement system.

ARRA Funding – the Division will continue work on 3 contracts that are utilizing ARRA Funding through September 30, 2011, if approved by the Legislature. The contracts are for a data base for the Right Track program, technical assistance which includes the development of training modules and the development of informational materials for families and other stakeholders concerning the importance of early intervention.

Overview of Budget Changes

Description	2009 - 2011 Budget	2011 - 2013 Budget	Increase/ Decrease
Salary and Wages	1,186,236	1,387,140	200,904
Operating	7,573,440	7,350,535	(222,905)
Grants	166,767	438,207	271,440
Total	8,926,443	9,175,882	249,439
General Fund	2,947,015	3,151,429	204,414
Federal Funds	5,969,513	5,874,450	(95,063)
Other Funds	9,915	150,003	140,088
Total	8,926,443	9,175,882	249,439
FTE	9.00	9.00	0.00

The Salary and Wages line item increased by \$200,904 and can be attributed to the following:

- \$66,260 in total funds of which \$23,980 is general fund needed to fund the Governor's salary package for state employees.
- \$24,731 in total funds of which \$17,199 is general fund needed to fund the second year employee increase for 24 months versus the 12 months that are contained in the current budget.
- During the biennium, the Department recognized an increased need in this division and moved an FTE internally to accommodate this priority. Increased federal requirements from CMS led to this need. The position resulted in an additional need of \$115,989 in total funds for salary and fringes of which \$39,149 is general fund.
- The remaining decrease of \$6,076 includes a combination of increases and decreases to sustain the salary of 9 FTE in this area of the budget.

The Operating line item decreased by \$222,905 and can be attributed to the following:

- Increase in travel of \$226,309, of which \$200,075 is for Part C, which is all federal funds and the remaining \$26,234 of which \$8,820 is general fund. This increase reflects additional visits and monitoring of regions and additional training for DD Program Managers working with the Part C program.
- Increase of supplies/material-professional of \$47,500 of which \$46,500 is for Part C for resource library materials, which is all federal funds.
- Increase in other equipment under \$5,000 of \$136,917 for additional equipment to allow for in home hearing screenings, which is all federal funds.
- Increase of repairs of \$29,283 for maintenance agreements for the equipment described above, which is all federal funds.
- Increase in rental/leases of \$15,335 due to an increase in rent at Prairie Hills Plaza and the addition of new office space due to the restructuring of the division, of which \$4,517 is general fund.
- Decrease of \$651,600 in operating fees and services. The increases and decreases are as follows:
 - Decrease of \$1,690,000 due to the reduction of ARRA funds, which is all federal funds
 - Increase of \$76,740 for other miscellaneous contracts, of which \$25,803 is general fund.
 - Increase of \$273,279 for the Catholic Charities Corporate Guardianship contract for the 3% and 3% inflationary increases, and for additional staff needed due to new accreditation rules, and to fund the second year of the 6% inflationary increase for 24 months versus the 12 months that

were contained in the current budget, of which all is general fund.

- \$122,227 increase in our fiscal agent contract as the demand for self directed supports continues to rise.
- \$65,690 increase for Right Track screenings due to an increase in assessments, which is all federal funds.
- Increase of \$500,464 due to contracts being added to the Divisions budget that were previously paid at the human service center level, of which is all federal funds.
- Decrease of \$16,977 for professional fees due to the cost for administrative hearings being included in the department's legal unit. \$6,642 of this decrease is general fund.
- Decrease of \$9,672 in supplies, printing, postage and other office administrative costs.

The Grants line item increased by \$271,440 due to the following reasons:

- Increase of \$200,000 to reflect contracts that were previously included in the operating line but are more correctly reflected as grants. The authority has been moved from the operating line to grants. All of these funds are federal funds.
- Increase of \$71,440 due to an increase in an agreement with Protection and Advocacy to conduct follow up investigations, all of which is federal funds.

This concludes my testimony on the 2011 – 2013 budget request for Developmental Disabilities Division area of the Department. I would be happy to answer any questions.