



Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report

Executive Appropriations Committee

ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

This report follows-up on select fiscal notes and budget actions from past legislative sessions. For each item, the report includes a stop light (red, yellow, green) for implementation status, budget accuracy, and, where available, performance. It details original cost and/or revenue estimates, legislative appropriations, and actual experience. It is intended to create a feed-back loop that improves future estimates and initiatives.

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2014 G.S. 2-1-1 Information and Referral System

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$500,000 one-time during its 2014 General Session and also appropriated \$550,000 one-time during its 2015 General Session to assist the United Way as the designated operator of the State's 2-1-1 Information and Referral System. The duties of the state approved 2-1-1 service provider were outlined in Senate Bill 56 passed during the 2013 General Session. This report reviews only the \$500,000 one-time funds approved during the 2014 General Session.

Implementation

The United Way states, "the money is being used to develop and implement the 211 Information and Referral System." It was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The United Way has spent \$389,400 through May but anticipates spending the entire \$500,000 by June 30, 2015.

Performance

The United Way is using the following two measures to assess performance:

1. Management of workforce and Interactive Voice Response technology - Target 90% of calls to referral line answered within 3 minutes. Actual experience has been 100%.
2. Knowledgeable resource staff - Target 75% of eligible staff nationally certified. Actual experience has been 100%.

The United Way indicates it has "met the performance goals so far."

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2014 G.S. After school programs to address intergenerational poverty - TANF

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$2,179,200	\$0	\$2,179,200	\$0	\$2,179,200	\$160,000	\$2,019,200

Explanation

Funding from federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) to start 21 new and expand 32 current afterschool programs in Title 1 schools.

Implementation

Contracts were in place by October 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Workforce Services anticipates spending \$160,000 through FY 2015. This represents a 93% error rate. The department expects to spend \$537,000 through August 2015. The department analyzed the schools with the highest intergenerational poverty rates and plans to release the remaining funds to those schools during FY 2016.

Performance

Schools receiving funds must improve program quality by having: full-time site coordinator, parental engagement, staff professional development, academic and enrichment programming, as well as prevention education. An outside evaluator should have an executive summary of the results for the 1,900 students ready by mid-September 2015.

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2014 G.S. American Cancer Society - Hope Lodge

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0

Explanation

Add to a \$13.1 million capital fund drive build a 41 two-bed suite lodge in downtown Salt Lake City (100 South 400 East) for individuals and their caregiver who have traveled here for cancer treatment.

Implementation

The contract to spend the funds was in place on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

All \$2,000,000 were spent by the end of January 2015.

Performance

Workforce Services: "Construction began in May, 2014. The project is on schedule to be completed in late August. Conflicts between structural and mechanical engineers have delayed completion. The open house will be in September."

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2014 G.S. Change Medicaid eligibility cards from paper to plastic

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
(\$480,000)	\$0	(\$480,000)	\$0	(\$480,000)	(\$576,000)	\$96,000

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated (\$480,000) ongoing savings for the State beginning in FY 2015 to change to a plastic eligibility card for Medicaid. These plastic cards replaced the monthly paper eligibility cards.

Implementation

The State mailed the new plastic cards to Medicaid clients on June 23, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Workforce Services anticipates saving (\$576,000) by the end of FY 2015. This represents a 20% error rate and means more savings to the State. Less customers ended up requesting replacement cards and the final cards were done on medium grade stock which reduced costs.

Performance

The department having no performance measure was acceptable.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Child care competitive rate subsidy increase - TANF

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$2,048,300	\$0	\$2,048,300	\$0	\$2,048,300	\$1,756,500	\$291,800

Explanation

In FY 2015 the Legislature provided \$8,193,200 in federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) to increase the lowest three rates for licensed child care centers from the 43rd to the 60th percentile of Utah rates for four years. The \$2,048,300 represents the estimated funding spent in year one.

Implementation

On July 1, 2014 the Department of Workforce Services raised provider rates to 60% of the local market rate.

Accuracy

The Department of Workforce Services anticipates spending \$1,756,500 through FY 2015. This represents a 14% error rate. The department made significant changes to its program and the number of clients and providers decreased.

Performance

As of March 2015, 327 providers have received the higher rate.

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2014 G.S. CHIP Caseload Adjustments

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
(\$200,000)	\$0	(\$200,000)	\$0	(\$200,000)	(\$800,000)	\$600,000

Explanation

The Legislature removed (\$200,000) in FY 2015 from the Children's Health Insurance Program for lower caseloads than originally projected.

Implementation

The reduction was implemented on schedule in April 2015.

Accuracy

The Department of Health estimates closing the year with an \$800,000 surplus; however, this estimate is excluding any shortfalls in the Tobacco Settlement Restricted Account. This represents an underestimate of \$0.6 million, when compared to the \$18.2 million base of state funds, this is a 3.3% error rate.

Performance

Health: "At this time, it appears the Division has sufficient state funds to match the federal funds necessary to provide services to all qualifying individuals."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Funding for Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$0

Explanation

Hire 30 additional case managers to manage caseloads associated with the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. The case managers provide daily support to about 20-30 clients each. Support includes coordination of services, benefit assistance, and training.

Implementation

Seven contracts to spend the funds were in place on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Workforce Services anticipates spending all \$900,000 through FY 2015.

Performance

The seven subgrantees employed nineteen case managers for the formerly chronically homeless. The department plans to measure retention in July 2015.

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2014 G.S. Hospital Assessment Restricted Fund Increase

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$229,300	\$1,270,700

Explanation

The Legislature approved a \$1,500,000 increase to help match assessment revenues with expenditures.

Implementation

The increase was effective on February 19, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Health experienced a \$0.2 million rather than a \$1.5 million increase in expenses. When comparing the \$1.3 million lower than anticipated expenses to the \$48.5 million estimate of all expenses this is an error rate of 3%.

Performance

Health: "The Division had enough authority to spend amounts collected to adequately fund the non-federal share of actual expenditures."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Medicaid caseload

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
(\$4,700,000)	\$0	(\$4,700,000)	\$0	(\$4,700,000)	(\$11,700,000)	\$7,000,000

Explanation

The Legislature removed (\$4,700,000) in FY 2015 from the Medicaid program for lower caseloads than originally projected.

Implementation

The reduction was implemented on schedule in April 2015.

Accuracy

The Department of Health estimates closing the year with an \$11.7 million surplus. This represents an underestimate of \$7.0 million, when compared to the \$415 million base of state funds, this is a 1.7% error rate.

Performance

Health: "At this time, it appears the Division has sufficient state funds to match the federal funds necessary to provide services to all qualifying individuals."

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2014 G.S. Medicaid Management Information System Replacement

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$3,500,000	\$0	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$3,500,000	\$2,737,000	\$763,000

Explanation

Money is for final phases for the replacement of the Medicaid Management Information System.

Implementation

The Department of Health was ready to spend money on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

Health: "The Division has spent \$1,603,079 as of June 15, 2015 and plans to spend approximately \$2,737,000 by the end of fiscal year 2015. The amount that is spent depends largely on deliverables submitted by the contractor. The Legislature granted non-lapsing authority for the appropriated project funding." The projected spending represents an error rate of 22%.

Performance

Health: "The progress of the MMIS replacement project is carefully monitored on a regular basis to ensure the project is progressing on schedule and to mitigate risks to timely completion of the project. Project status reports are provided to the Legislature and other stakeholders on a quarterly basis."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Nursing Care Facility Assessment Restricted Fund Increase

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	(\$462,600)	\$1,962,600

Explanation

Nursing Care Facility Assessment Restricted Fund annual spending authority increase of \$1,500,000 beginning in FY 2014. This is to allow the Department of Health to spend all the money it receives from nursing care facility assessments by providing additional spending authority. The funds will help pay Medicaid providers for nursing care services

Implementation

The increase was effective on February 19, 2014.

Accuracy

Instead of an increase of \$1.5 million in revenues, the Department of Health experienced a decrease in revenues of \$462,600 in FY 2014. When comparing the \$2.0 million difference experienced to the \$24.9 million estimate of all revenues, this is an error rate of 8%.

Performance

Health: "The Division had enough authority to spend amounts collected to adequately fund the non-federal share of actual expenditures."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Shift Drugs to Medicare Part D

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
(\$88,000)	\$0	(\$88,000)	\$0	(\$88,000)	\$0	(\$88,000)

Explanation

The Department of Health identified savings from drugs (barbiturates, benzodiazepines, and smoking cessation) that will now be covered under the federal government's Medicare Part D drugs.

Implementation

Funding reductions were completed by April 1, 2014.

Accuracy

Health: "The reduction in expenditures related to this shift in coverage was already reflected in the department's base budget and per-member-per-month costs by FY 2015 and should not have warranted an additional reduction."

Performance

Health: "The additional reduction however has not limited the department's ability to provide the pharmacy services as required and it appears the department will be able to close out this year within its appropriated budget."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Marriage Commission - TANF

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$270,000	\$30,000

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$300,000 of one-time federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Family (TANF) funds during its 2014 General Session and then repeated a similar appropriation during its 2015 General Session. The Marriage Commission used these one-time TANF funds to: 1) maintain existing staff and 2) continue efforts statewide to provide courses locally to help individuals form and sustain healthy and enduring marriages. Only the \$300,000 in TANF funds appropriated during the 2014 General Session is included in this report.

Implementation

The Marriage Commission states that the funding was used to "provide Marriage/Relationship Skills education to low-income, high-risk populations in Weber, Davis, Utah, and Washington Counties to measure the reach and effectiveness of activities" and that the funding "fulfills the following purposes of TANF: a) Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families and b) prevent/reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies without increasing abortion rates." The commission indicates the funding was implemented on September 11, 2014.

Accuracy

The Marriage Commission has spent \$142,900 through May and anticipates spending \$270,000 by June 30, 2015. The Marriage Commission states, "The contract with DWS [Department of Workforce Services] for TANF funding was not completed until 3 or so months into the Fiscal Year. It gave us a late start on getting the program going."

Performance

The Marriage Commission is using the following two measures to assess performance:

1. The number of educators to be trained with a goal of 175. Actual experience has been 171.
2. Number of participants in classes or events with a goal of 175. Actual experience has been 2,585.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. DSPD Mandated Additional Needs

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$1,048,800	\$0	\$1,048,800	\$0	\$1,048,800	\$1,486,500	(\$437,700)

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$1,048,000 General Fund and \$2,507,700 transfers from Medicaid during its 2014 General Session to meet a Medicaid requirement that the health and safety needs of individuals receiving services under the Home and Community-based Waiver for individuals with disabilities be assessed and met annually. Of the 4,800 covered individuals, 660 or 13.8 percent were identified as having increased health and safety needs. These are individuals already receiving services whose needs have increased due to worsened condition. In order for a person to meet the test to receive additional services, the person must have lost a primary caregiver or had a dramatic change in his or her health or behavior. It is a Medicaid requirement that the health and safety service needs of individuals receiving services under Medicaid waivers be met.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states that the funding was used to "provide additional needed services for people already in waiver services." The department indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services states that as of May, "\$1,444,200 General Fund has been obligated. Estimated amounts to be obligated by the end of the fiscal year are: \$1,486,500 in General Fund."

Performance

The Department of Human Services is using the following measures to assess performance:
 Percent of people who are satisfied with their staff, support coordinator and fiscal agent. The target for each measure is 90%. The most recent measures are:
 Satisfaction with Staff - 83%;
 Satisfaction with Support Coordinator - 95.5%;
 Satisfaction with Fiscal Agent - 93.5%.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. DSPD Disabilities Waiting List

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$3,500,100	\$0	\$3,500,100	\$0	\$3,500,100	\$3,500,100	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$1.0 million General Fund one-time and \$2,500,100 federal funds one-time to provide services to individuals currently on the waiting list for those services. Recent legislation (S.B. 259, Amendments to Disability Waiting List, Christensen - 2013 General Session) requires the division to split the appropriation and use 85 percent (\$850,000) to bring in those with the most critical needs, and 15 percent (\$150,000) to bring in those in need of only respite services. Using cost estimates based on actual data for people in division services with similar needs, the division began serving 109 individuals with the most critical needs and 65 individuals in need of only respite services to be transitioned into services.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states that the funding was used to "To bring people into waiver services from the DSPD waiting list." The department indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services states that through May of 2015, "\$1,008,900 General Fund has been obligated and \$2,411,700 Medicaid has been obligated. DSPD has obligated all of the General Fund that was appropriated."

Performance

The Department of Human Services is using the following measures to assess performance:

Percent of people who are satisfied with their staff, support coordinator and fiscal agent. The target for each measure is 90%. The most recent measures are:

Satisfaction with Staff - 83%;

Satisfaction with Support Coordinator - 95.5%;

Satisfaction with Fiscal Agent - 93.5%.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Direct Client Services and Staffing

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$1,666,000	\$0	\$1,666,000	\$0	\$1,666,000	\$1,666,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$1,666,000 ongoing Education Fund and \$6,251,200 ongoing federal funds during its 2014 General Session for Direct Client Services and Staffing to meet increased caseloads. The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation had indicated that its cases per counselor had grown from 187 in 2008 to 230 in 2013 while total clients served over the past four years had increased 29 percent from 21,997 in 2008 to 30,874 in 2013.

Implementation

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) states that the funding was "appropriated for staffing and direct client services required to operate the Vocational Rehabilitation program. These funds were used to assist eligible individuals with disabilities to achieve gainful employment through the provision of Vocational Rehabilitation services. These services include, but are not limited to: vocational counseling and guidance, physical and mental restoration services, training services, assisting technology, maintenance and transportation, job placement services and other goods and services." USOR indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The agency states, "The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) was appropriated \$7,971,200 in Education (\$1,761,600) and Federal (\$6,155,600) funds. The full appropriated amount of \$7,971,200 has already been expended for SFY-15."

Performance

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation is using the following three measures to assess performance:

1. Meet or exceed the number of successful client outcomes from the previous year (target 3,665).
2. Serve all individuals found eligible to receive VR services (target 30,000).
3. Increase time spent by VR Counselors in one-on-one counseling with clients by 50%.

USOR achieved 3,699 successful client outcomes during Federal FY-14 (which includes the first quarter of State FY-15). For Federal FY-15 to date (October 1, 2014 to June 23, 2015), USOR has achieved 2,230 successful client outcomes."

With regard to measures 2 and 3, USOR states, "Due to the financial structural imbalance and increase in client growth, USOR implemented a wait list (called an Order of Selection) for all new clients determined eligible for services after February 27, 2015. USOR continues to provide services for more than 14,000 existing clients with individualized plans for employment. USOR completed a client base engagement study and is in the process of analyzing the results to make policy and procedural changes to increase the time spent by VR Counselors in the provision of one-on-one counseling with clients."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Caseworker II for Hard of Hearing

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$82,000	\$0	\$82,000	\$0	\$82,000	\$71,300	\$10,700

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$81,700 ongoing Education Fund during its 2014 General Session to hire a Caseworker II for Hard of Hearing to provide counseling and case management services in Southern Utah to keep up with increasing demand.

Implementation

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation states, "Initial response to the new caseworker position posting was overwhelming so screening as well as first and second interviews (including testing for ASL proficiency) were conducted and the new caseworker (who had to relocate) started September 2, 2015. Expansion of the office started July, 2014."

Accuracy

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) states, "The requested amount for the case manager was \$65,134 while the projected actual expense as of June 30, 2015 will be \$62,030.61. The difference being two months of salary for the delayed start date, increased benefit costs for FY 15, and a slightly higher pay rate to alleviate an inequity. The expansion of meeting space was estimated at \$16,561 while the actual expense is projected to total \$8,271.96. During the expansion negotiations, the Segó Lily Center for the Abused Deaf stepped forward expressing interest in sharing the suite since we both serve the adult deaf population. Negotiations with the landlord and Segó Lily to split the additional space were conducted after the building block request was submitted." This equates to spending only 87 percent of the appropriation.

Performance

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation is using the following three measures to assess performance:

1. Provide case management services for Deaf/Hard of Hearing (HH) clients in Southern Utah area (target 80 hours case management units per month by counselor with actual experience being 73.5 hours per month).
2. Provide educational classes for deaf/HH individuals in the St. George area based on community needs (target 8 classes per year with actual experience being 6 classes offered during the year).
3. Education community partners about the needs of Deaf/HH individuals in the St. George area (target 15 partners per year with actual experience being 10 community partnerships formed during the first year).

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Clubhouse Model Utah - Alliance House

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$120,000 one-time during its 2014 General Session for the Clubhouse Model Utah - Alliance House to provide pathways for recovery for adults with serious and persistent mental illness through employment, education, housing, and a supportive community environment.

Implementation

The Alliance House (Clubhouse) states that the funding was used for "an evidence-based program that provides a wide-range of community supports and services to severely mentally ill individuals. Funds are used to provide these services to unfunded individuals in certified Clubhouses in Utah." The Alliance House indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Alliance spent \$100,900 through April 30 and intends to spend the entire \$120,000 by June 30, 2015.

Performance

The Alliance House is using the following measures to assess performance: "Measures of success include total number and percentage of members employed, number of hours of psychoeducational and social skills services provided, and reduction in inpatient hospitalizations as measured by direct report and number of outreaches to clients. Members are employed in transitional, supported and independent positions. This program has been very effective providing 64,626.5 hours of psychoeducational and social supports, having 125 members employed, and reducing psychiatric hospitalizations to 24 over the last 6 months."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Aging Nutrition

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$150,000 one-time General Fund and authorized up to \$300,000 one-time from federal funds during its 2014 General Session for the Aging Nutrition program to address federal sequestration reductions affecting meals to the State's aging population either at senior centers or through the meals on wheels program.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states that the funding was used to provide for "an increase in services, specifically: the number of meals served, the number of un-duplicated persons receiving meals, as well as the number of persons at high nutrition risk. This request will allow more meals to be delivered." The department indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services has spent \$135,000 through May but indicates it will spend the entire \$150,000 by June 30, 2015.

Performance

The Department of Human Services is using the following measure to assess performance: "Number of meals serviced. The data from the AAA's [Area Agencies on Aging] on actual meals served will not be available until the end of the calendar year 2015. The number of meals served in FY14 was 1,848."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Child Care for 60 Days During Temporary Unemployment - TANF Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$566,600	\$0	\$566,600	\$0	\$566,600	\$104,200	\$462,400

Explanation

Federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) dollars to pay for 20 hours of child care help for 60 days while someone is between jobs unemployed and looking for work.

Implementation

The new services began February 1, 2015. The agency explains this delay with the need to make changes in eREP, make administrative rules, notify providers and clients, as well as hire and train a new staff person.

Accuracy

The Department of Workforce Services anticipates spending \$104,200 through FY 2015. This represents an 82% error rate. In addition to a late start for the program, the estimates for people losing employment, timely reporting job loss, and requesting the new service were all lower than anticipated.

Performance

Through June 2015 178 children and 93 families have received the new services. Of those families requesting services, 43% have returned to work.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Savings From Higher Federal Match Rate for Certain Medicaid Eligibility Systems Maintenance and Operations

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
(\$7,392,800)	\$0	(\$7,392,800)	\$0	(\$7,392,800)	(\$8,500,000)	\$1,107,200

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated a one-time reduction of (\$7,392,800) in FY 2015 to reflect the higher match rate from the federal government for caseload work related to the mandatory Medicaid expansion.

Implementation

The reduction was implemented on schedule in July 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Workforce Services anticipates saving (\$8,500,000) by the end of FY 2015. This represents a 15% error rate and means more savings to the State. The additional savings is partly from a decrease in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program caseload (food stamps) and an increase in Medicaid caseload. This change allowed more operational costs to be billed to Medicaid.

Performance

The department having no performance measure was acceptable.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Increase Nursing Home Medicaid Rates

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0

Explanation

Increase the nursing home rates for Medicaid providers.

Implementation

The rate increase was effective July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

Health: "Total expenditures for all nursing homes through June 19th, equal \$157.0 million or approximately 99% of the total expenditures for all of FY 2014 of \$158.5 million. Based on this amount, projected expenditures in FY 2015 will exceed \$175.8 million or 110% of the FY 2014 total but this increase is attributed to a combination of the rate increase funded by this additional appropriation and changes/increases in enrollment and utilization. The total appropriation amount is projected to be spent by the end of the fiscal year."

Performance

Health: "Nursing home daily rates have been increased by 3.68% over the FY2014 rates to expend the full amount of the additional appropriation. Expenditures to date appear to indicate the agency has been successful in implementing the increase."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Telehealth Equipment for Medicaid

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000

Explanation

Funding provided to help providers purchase telehealth equipment.

Implementation

The department began accepting requests for proposals on May 16, 2015.

Accuracy

Health: "The Division is working to complete the RFP process for the equipment purchase. The RFP process will be completed early in FY16. As a result, no funds will be spent in FY15. The Legislature granted non-lapsing authority for the appropriated Telehealth funding."

Performance

The agency did not provide any performance measures.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Mental Health Services Rates - DCFS

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$559,600	\$0	\$559,600	\$0	\$559,600	\$566,900	(\$7,300)

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$390,600 ongoing General Fund and \$169,000 ongoing federal funds during its 2014 General Session to increase mental health service rates paid to community providers by the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS). Prior to this appropriation, mental health service rates in DCFS were 15 percent lower than Medicaid rates for similar services due. This difference was due to two reductions taken in FY 2010 and FY 2011.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states that "rates have been increased to include the funding from the Legislature." The department indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services has spent \$519,600 through May but intends to spend \$566,900 by June 30, 2015.

Performance

The Department of Human Services states, "Success is measured by increasing Medicaid mental health rates (Target = match funding amount of \$559,600).

Without adjusting for growth, the total dollar difference between 2014 and 2015 rates is \$464,400. (Note: Actual expenditures are higher due to increased client services compared to FY 2014)."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. H.B. 88 - Autism Coverage

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$1,835,000	\$0	\$1,835,000	\$0	\$1,835,000	\$1,835,000	\$0

Explanation

To provide services for children with autism ages 2 through age 6.

Implementation

The services were in place by July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

Health: "Total expenditures for this program through June 19th equal approximately 98% of the total appropriation. The total amount of the appropriation is projected to be spent by the end of the fiscal year."

Performance

Health: "The Department was able to provide Applied Behavioral Analysis services to more than 300 children during fiscal year 2015. During our annual report to the Legislature, we will be able to provide additional details regarding the efficacy and how the funds were spent."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Dental Provider Rates

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$820,400	\$0	\$820,400	\$0	\$820,400	\$820,400	\$0

Explanation

Increase the dental rates for Medicaid providers.

Implementation

The rate increase was effective July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

Health: "Projected expenditures for FY 2015 will exceed \$55.4 million or 118% of the FY 2014 total but this increase is attributed to a combination of the rate increase funded by this additional appropriation and changes/increases in enrollment and utilization. Actual total FY 2015 expenditures are projected to be close to the appropriated amount."

Performance

Health: "Dental rates have been increased by 6% over the FY2014 rates to expend the full amount of the above referenced appropriation increase. Expenditures to date appear to indicate the Division has been successful in implementing the increase."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. S.B. 75 - Primary Care Grants

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$1,219,000	\$781,000

Explanation

Funding to public or non-profit entities to serve about 37,000 individuals with primary medical, dental, and/or mental care.

Implementation

The department began asking for requests for funding in August 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Health anticipates spending \$1,219,000 by the end of FY 2015. This represents a 39% error rate. The department indicates that it has obligated all of the \$2 million with the remaining funds scheduled to go out during FY 2016.

Performance

Number of public or non-profit agencies awarded funding.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Restore Funding Loss Due to Medicaid Allocation - State Hospital

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$1,200,000	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$1.2 million one-time to the Utah State Hospital during its 2014 General Session and later appropriated \$1.1 million ongoing during its 2015 General Session. The increased funding was needed as a result of auditors disallowing previous cost allocation methods which lowered the annual Medicaid payments to the State Hospital. This report includes only the amount appropriated during the 2014 General Session.

Implementation

The Utah State Hospital states, "The money was spent to maintain our prior levels of patient care and treatment. It replaced the loss of Medicaid funding due to a change in cost allocation methodology. It was used for personnel cost of existing direct care staff. We did not have to close any beds this year." The State Hospital indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Utah State Hospital states that the "appropriation is being spent proportionately each period of the fiscal year" but intends to spend the entire \$1,200,000 by June 30, 2015.

Performance

The Utah State Hospital is using the following measures to assess performance: "Our performance measures of maintaining accreditation and [federal] CMS certification have been successful. Our other measures of Rapid Readmission, Adult BPRS and Adult SOQ are all favorable to targets."

FY15 Performance Measures:

Rapid Readmissions: 1

BPRS: Change is 18.1 RCI compared to expected change of 15.

SOQ: change is 21.9 RCI compared to expected change of 10.

YOQ: change is 34.8 RCI compared to expected change of 10.

USH states that "all measures show good clinical outcomes."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Youth Aging Out of DCFS Custody - DSPD

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$455,200	\$0	\$455,200	\$0	\$455,200	\$521,100	(\$65,900)

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$455,200 one-time General Fund during its 2014 General Session to maintain youth with intellectual disabilities on its Medicaid waiver. A small number of children and youth with intellectual disabilities in the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) custody are put on the Medicaid Community Services Waiver in order to meet their needs. When these youth become adults they age out of DCFS custody and lose the funding previously provided for them because the funding stays with DCFS to pay for new children and youth with intellectual disabilities placed in custody. As a condition of the federal waiver approval, Utah agreed not to drop current waiver recipients from service (State Medicaid Directors Letter - Olmstead Update No. 4). The Division uses this appropriation to cover the cost of services for individuals aging out of state custody.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states that the funding was used to "cover the General Fund costs of children that have been in DCFS custody and have also been receiving DSPD waiver services. At age 18, or when the courts terminate DCFS custody, DSPD must cover the portion of the costs that DCFS had paid while in custody." The department indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services spent \$521,100 by June 30, 2015. This is an increase of 14.5 percent over the appropriation.

Performance

The Department of Human Services is using the following measures to assess performance:

Percent of people who are satisfied with their staff, support coordinator and fiscal agent. The target for each measure is 90%. The most recent measures are:

Satisfaction with Staff - 83%;

Satisfaction with Support Coordinator - 95.5%;

Satisfaction with Fiscal Agent - 93.5%.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Local Authority Mental Health Medicaid Match

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$6,400,000	\$0	\$6,400,000	\$0	\$6,400,000	\$6,400,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$6.4 million one-time during its 2014 General Session and then repeated a similar appropriation during its 2015 General Session to assist local mental health authorities (counties) to pay federal match requirements for clients covered by the Medicaid program. Many of these local authorities report struggling to provide the Medicaid match with limited State and local county revenue. This report includes only the \$6.4 million appropriated during the 2014 General Session.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states that the "funding is distributed to the counties by formula in statute and rule. The counties use the funds to pull down Medicaid funding to support programs/services for Substance Abuse/Mental Health clients." The department indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services indicates that all \$6.4 million will be distributed by June 30, 2015.

Performance

The Department of Human Services states with respect to assessing performance: "Numerous measures can be found the Mental Health Scorecard [found at: <http://dsamh.utah.gov/data/outcome-reports/>]. The funds have been used to draw additional Medicaid dollars to support the programs/services offered by the local authorities."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Mental Hlth Early Intervention - Children/Youth

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$1,500,000 one-time General Fund to the Department of Human Services during its 2014 General Session and then repeated a similar appropriation during its 2015 General Session. The funding is designated for children and youth who may or may not have a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) designation, but are at risk to become so without early intervention services. The agency states that, "the onset of half of all lifetime mental illnesses takes place by age 14, and three-fourths by age 24." Only the 2014 General Session appropriation is discussed in this report.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states, "Mental Health Early Intervention (MHEI) funding was allocated to support three evidenced-based services: 1) School-Based Behavioral Health, 2) Family Resource Facilitation with Wraparound to Fidelity, and 3) Mobile Crisis Teams. "The department indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services has spent \$1,235,700 through April 30 but indicates it will spend the entire \$1,500,000 by June 30, 2015.

Performance

The Department of Human Services is using the following measures to assess performance: "Outcome measures are combined for all of the mental health early intervention services regardless of one-time or ongoing funding. Measures include the Youth Outcome Questionnaire, Office Disciplinary Referrals, Grade Point Average, Out of Home Placements, and Legal Involvement to name a few. The results have been positive and outcome data for each of the specific areas is reported in the annual Mental Health Early Intervention Legislative Report available on our website at: <http://dsamh.utah.gov/mental-health/> under prevention and early intervention."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Weber Behavioral/Physical Health Int Pilot

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$1,440,800	\$0	\$1,440,800	\$0	\$1,440,800	\$700,000	\$740,800

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$1,440,800 one-time during its 2014 General Session to Weber Human Services Behavioral and Physical Health Integration Pilot for an integrated team responsible to reduce hospital admissions and emergency department visits of every individual who agrees to be part of the program.

Implementation

The Weber Behavioral/Physical Health Pilot states that it uses the funds "to operate a Behavioral Health Home [in order to] do the following: 1) Screen individuals with substance use and mental health disorders for general health and for conditions for which they are at risk, 2) Ensure clients receive treatment for heart disease, diabetes, obesity and other physical health conditions prevalent in populations with substance use and mental health disorders, 3) Provide smoking cessation services that include medication and other evidence-based approaches, 4) Offer prevention and intervention for modifiable risk factors associated with poor health outcomes and care gaps, 5) Provide comprehensive care management, 6) Provide mobile crisis outreach services, 6) Provide follow-up services and 7) Track and improve performance." The Department of Human Services indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Weber Behavioral/Physical Health Pilot has spent \$552,800 through May but intends to spend \$700,000 by June 30, 2015. The pilot states, "Non-lapsing intent language allowed for multiple year contract." If the funds were evenly over the two year period, it would equate to \$720,400 for each year. Actual spending is within the acceptable range.

Performance

The Weber Behavioral/Physical Health Pilot is using the following measures to assess performance: "Narratives that outline the major accomplishments, activities and challenges, a statistical report that identifies how many unique clients have been served and the type of service received and the number of hours of direct care provided. Finally an outcome report that identifies how many clients from admission to discharge show improved health and functioned related to obesity, cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure, blood sugar, smoking and mental illness symptomology. As of June 2015, 222 people have enrolled. Of those 126 have 3 or more risk factors. The following have shown improvement after 6 months of participation: Systolic Blood Pressure 39%, Diastolic Blood Pressure 42%, Waist Circumference 31%, Blood Sugar Control 16%, LDL Cholesterol 10%, HDL Cholesterol 17%, and Triglycerides 13%. A total number of hours dedicated to services are: Evaluation 236, Nursing Services 450, Care Coordination 5,015, Peer Support 17."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Positive Assistance Action Group - Weber Co

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$300,000 ongoing during its 2014 General Session to address a budget shortfall in Weber County's Positive Assistance Action Group that was previously funded through the State.

Implementation

The Positive Assistance Action Group states, "July 1 to December 31, 2015 (the first half of the current fiscal year) PAAG continued its two-fold mission: (1) providing life coaching, case management and work activities for seriously and persistently mentally ill individuals and (2) providing safe and adequate housing for up to one hundred individuals. From January to March 2015 PAAG continued to provide the contracted activities and will provide drop-in services at Weber Human Services (WHS) and provide lunches for WHS clients PAAG members with the start date of April 1, 2015. The plan is to involve WHS consumers in the planning, preparation, and delivery of the PAAG range of services. Closer proximity to WHS therapists and case managers is likely to result in a higher grade of education and services to these most needy of mental health clients." The Positive Assistance Action Group indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Positive Assistance Action Group has spent \$285,800 through May but indicates it will spend the entire \$300,000 by June 30, 2015.

Performance

The Positive Assistance Action Group is using the following measures to assess performance: "Increase the number of individuals served at the Grantee's Drop-in Center by fifteen percent (15%) each year of the Grant and Reduce the number of vacancy days, defined as the number of days the housing unit is unoccupied, each year of the Grant by ten percent (10%) under the levels of the prior year. The drop in center has increased by 15%, tenants accumulated 1,008 housing days, 10.5% of the total at the Royal and 11.8% of the total at 949 Washington. In 2015 participation has grown from an average of fourteen people daily in 2014 to nineteen-plus by mid-March 2015. Vacancy days have been reduced by 10% from the previous year. The annual occupancy rate varied by facility as follows: In calendar 2013 the following occupancy percentages were noted: Royal Hotel (20 beds) 76.6%, 949 Washington (11 beds) 96.9%, 21st Street (8 beds) 71.5%, 22nd Street (6 beds) 85.7%, Stamey Apartments (10 beds) 92.9%, Bramwell Court (20 beds) 93.3%. In calendar 2014 the following percentages were logged: Royal Hotel (20 beds) 83.5%, 949 Washington (11 beds) 94.4%, 21st Street (8 beds) 83.2%, 22nd Street (6 beds) 79.1%, Stamey Apartments (10 beds) 99.4%, Bramwell Court (20 beds) 97.8%. Factors such as repairs and remodeling and holding apartments while people qualify for SSI (Supplemental Security Income) account for the variations in occupancy."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. GrandFamilies

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000	\$200,000	\$400,000

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$600,000 one-time during its 2014 General Session to the GrandFamilies program to: 1) expand its services into Weber and Cache counties and 2) provide support and training for grandparent(s), or other extended family members, raising children who would otherwise be placed in the foster care system.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states, "The Legislature appropriated \$600,000 to be used equally over three fiscal years. A contract has been issued to the Grand Families to use \$200,000 per year for three years." The department indicates the funding was implemented on October 1, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services indicates yearly expenditures will be "200,000 per Legislative Intent language." Given Legislative intent language, the department indicates the entire \$200,000 appropriate yearly amount will be distributed by June 30, 2015.

Performance

The GrandFamilies program is using the following measures to assess performance:

"The number of new families served in Cache and Weber county - 40 new families served in support group sessions per county. 180 hours of advocacy provided per county in fiscal 2015. Third quarter fiscal year Weber county advocacy hours 153 and Cache/Box Elder 61 hours between October 2014 and March 2015. Support group sessions Weber county 29 and two in Cache county.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Garland Community Resrce Cntr - Infrastructure

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$104,000	\$0	\$104,000	\$0	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$104,000 one-time during its 2014 General Session for infrastructure to help complete building construction and renovations for the Garland Community Resource Center where the community can access resources and services to assist in self-reliance and connect rural families and communities to technology.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states that the funding was used "for infrastructure improvements and/or additions, as stated in Subcommittee Reports to Executive Appropriations Committee General and Education Fund Uses (Appropriation Changes) 2014 General Session column b line 13." The department indicates the funding was implemented on October 1, 2014 due to delays caused by legal review regarding procurement.

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services has distributed the funds prior to June 30, 2015.

Performance

The Garland Community Resource Center is using the following measures to assess performance: "Target is to serve more than 300 Families per year. The Center reports that since July of 2014 it has served 352 families. Of the total 141 families completed a survey that showed 94% reported increased access, support and learned skills."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Hyrum Community Rsrc Cntr - Infrastructure

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$150,000 one-time during its 2014 General Session for infrastructure to help complete building construction and renovations for the Hyrum Community Resource Center. The center is used to provide direct services in English and Spanish to children and families where the focus is to strengthen families while preventing child abuse.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states that the funding was used "for infrastructure improvements and/or additions as stated in Subcommittee Reports to Executive Appropriations Committee General and Education Fund Uses (Appropriation Changes) 2014 General Session column b line 14." The department indicates the funding was implemented on October 8, 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services indicates that \$85,200 has been spent through May but intends to spend the entire \$150,000 by June 30, 2015. The department states, "Not all invoices from the vendor have been received by May."

Performance

The Hyrum Community Resource Center is using the following measures to assess performance: "Whether the mortgage was paid in full and [an] addition will be built. [The] Mortgage was paid in full in September. Addition was completed October 21, 2014."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. Assistive Technology - Independent Living Centers

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$500,000 of one-time Education Fund during its 2014 General Session to the Assistive Technology Program operated by Independent Living Centers. These devices and services assist individuals with disabilities to be more independent in their homes and communities. Many individuals with severe disabilities need items such as wheelchairs for mobility, ramps to get into their homes, grab bars to transfer to the toilet, and hand controls to drive a car. These items and other similar items are considered to be Assistive Technology (AT).

Implementation

The agency states, "The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation was appropriated \$500,000 to purchase assistive technology for clients of Independent Living Centers with the goal of increasing their individual independence. Examples might include mobility devices, home modifications, vehicle modifications and other assistive technology devices." The agency indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014 and states that "funds were spent by November 30, 2014."

Accuracy

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation states, "Funding was expended by November 30, 2015."

Performance

The Utah State Office Rehabilitation is using the following measures to assess performance:

1. Total number of consumers provided services will exceed previous year (target 182)
2. Total number of Assistive Technology devices provided will exceed previous year (target 231)

The agency states, "For SFY 15 a total of 251 different consumers were provided an assistive technology device and a total of 275 items were purchased."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. H.B. 214 - Special Group License Plate Amendments

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$22,600	\$0	\$22,600	\$0	\$22,600	\$10,100	\$12,500

Explanation

During its 2014 General Session the Legislature created a new Women and Children Issues restricted account to fund the purposes of H.B. 214, "Special Group License Plate Amendments," for certain organizations that create or support programs that affect women and children. Estimated costs and revenue resulting from the bill included: 1) \$8,600 one-time from dedicated credit collections to the Tax Commission to create a new special group license plate; \$12,500 from restricted funds to the Department of Human Services to administer and distribute funds received in the newly created account; and \$500 ongoing and \$1,000 one-time from the General Fund for FY 2015 to the Department of Administrative Services to establish a General Fund Restricted Account.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states that "the fund is restricted to use by outside entities that are National Professional Men's Basketball Players Associations who are concerned about women and child issues. The division is working with the Tax Commission that is collecting the funds and the Larry H. Miller charities to meet the provisions of the Legislature to distribute funding to the above organization." The department indicates the funding was implemented on July 1, 2014.

The Department of Administrative Services states, "The new restricted account (fund) was set up in FINET in April of 2014."

The Tax Commission states, "The plates were available on pre-sale orders on 1/21/15. They were available to the public 2/17/15."

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services has not made any expenditures through May and indicates it does not anticipate anything being spent by June 30, 2015. The bill provided for nonlapsing language and the division is working with the Larry H. Miller charities to meet the provisions of the Legislature to distribute funding to the above organization."

The Department of Administrative Services states, "The funding received is adequate."

The Tax Commission states, "The startup fee received was based on the organization's actual order request of \$14,388.96 (dedicated credit). (3,642 plate sets with 3 color decal and 1 color slogan)."

Performance

Human Services states, "Success is measured by disbursement of appropriated funds.

Results:

DCFS [Division of Child and Family Services] is working with LHM Charities to disburse the funds."

The Department of Administrative Services states, "We have the new fund set up and ready to use by the middle of April each year."

The Tax Commission states, "The Tax Commission is not involved in reviewing the results or performance of this special group plate donation program."

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2014 G.S. S.B. 22 - Workforce Services Job Listing Amendments

Committee: SS

Analyst: Stephen Jardine

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000	\$13,700	\$8,300

Explanation

S.B. 22, "Workforce Services Job Listing Amendments" required all government entities to advertise job openings on the state website and that the Division of Purchasing provide contact information for companies that contract with the state. The fiscal note estimated enactment of this bill costing the following agencies reprogramming costs to provide contractor information to the Department of Workforce Services beginning in FY 2015:

1. Department of Administrative Services: \$7,000 one-time General Fund;
2. Department of Human Services: \$3,500 one-time General Fund, \$1,800 one-time federal funds, and \$1,700 one-time Transfers - Medicaid; and
3. Utah Department of Transportation: \$8,000 one-time Transportation Fund.

Implementation

The Department of Human Services states it "negotiated and entered into an interagency agreement with DWS to transmit contractor data for job listings. A report was developed with the assistance of DTS to provide the data on a weekly basis. Data is now being reported as required." The department also indicates the funding was implemented on April 3, 2014 with regular reporting beginning on June 3, 2015.

The Department of Administrative Services states, "Finance began working with DWS in July of 2014. Finance entered into a MOU with DWS to ensure that the information that was sent would be kept confidential, since it included the vendor's TIN (Tax ID). The MOU was finalized in October 2014. The process of sending the file each night to a secure FTP server was put into production in October 2014. "

The Department of Transportation has not completed the requirement as of this time. The department states, "We are still looking for clarification of what we need to do to upgrade our system."

Accuracy

The Department of Human Services states, "these expenditures are not isolated and are part of the expenditures of the Bureau of Contract Management. All funding has been used to complete the project."

The Department of Administrative Services states, "We estimate the actual costs to complete the project were \$6,700."

The Department of Transportation indicates that none of the appropriated \$8,000 was spent. The department indicates it will spend the appropriated funds in FY 2016.

Performance

The Department of Human Services (DHS) indicates the target was implementation of the system. DHS states, "We have not received negative feedback after the June 3 implementation date, and so the program has met requirements."

The Department of Administrative Services indicates "The file is generated daily and put on a secure FTP server for DWS to access."

No performance measures were provided from the Department of Transportation regarding this item.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2015 G.S. Affordable Care Act Mandatory Changes

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
(\$753,500)	\$0	(\$753,500)	\$0	(\$753,500)	(\$753,500)	\$0

Explanation

The Legislature provided \$1,800,000 ongoing in the 2013 General Session to the Department of Workforce Services for additional FTEs to handle increased caseloads from Medicaid mandatory expansion. The Legislature reduced (\$753,500) one-time for FY 2015 since the Department did not hire all the anticipated new FTEs in the first year.

Implementation

The reduction was implemented on schedule in July 2014.

Accuracy

The Department of Workforce Services anticipates saving all (\$753,500) by the end of FY 2015.

Performance

The department having no performance measure was acceptable.

FISCAL NOTE AND BUDGET ITEM FOLLOW-UP REPORT

2015 G.S. Health Facility Certification Staffing

Committee: SS

Analyst: Russell Frandsen

Cost Estimate	Revenue Estimate	Original Approp.	Changes	Subtotal	Experienced	Difference
\$56,000	\$0	\$56,000	\$0	\$56,000	\$56,600	(\$600)

Explanation

Provide ongoing funding for four FTEs to continue more timely inspections of health care facilities to meet state licensing and Medicare/Medicaid certification requirements. The Department anticipates being able to inspect 100 facilities annually compared to 56 inspections in 2013.

Implementation

Staff were already hired before July 1, 2014. The Department funded this item internally in FY 2013.

Accuracy

The Department of Health anticipates spending \$56,600 by the end of FY 2015. This represents a 1% error rate.

Performance

Goal to change average inspection frequency from over 23 months to less than 13 months. Current average is 12.2 months.

Appendix A - Guidelines for Scoring Follow-ups

Fiscal Note Building Block Follow-Up Report

The Analyst follows up on bills and building blocks from two sessions ago.

- **Item Explanation**
What the appropriation is supposed to do. For bills the explanation is the fiscal note
- **Implementation**
Is the item being implemented in a timely manner?
- **Accuracy**
Was the fiscal note accurate? Both the Analyst and the agency are rated.
- **Performance Measures**
Shown and evaluated when appropriate.
- **Follow the Money**
The report traces funding from the original request to the remaining balance.

Red - Yellow - Green Guidelines

We point out problems, potential trouble, and things going as expected with traffic light colors.

One Size Does Not Fit All

Early on, we found that what was reasonable for revenue estimates is unreasonable for ordinary bills and building blocks. Our guidelines are less stringent when an agency is asked to do something new and different than their usual fare.

\$10,000 Rule

The temptation to manage a fiscal note is so great that we give an automatic Yellow to any bill with a fiscal note near \$10,000.

The Director's Exception

The Director may draw your attention to any bill or building block with a yellow if the item needs your attention.

Current Rules

Accuracy of Familiar Programs / Processes

-  Green - Within 5% of estimate or variances less than \$10,000.
-  Yellow - Greater than 5% but less than or equal to 10% of estimate and more than \$10,000.
-  Red - Greater than 10% of estimate and more than \$10,000.

Accuracy of Unfamiliar Programs / Processes

-  Green - Within 10% of estimate or variances less than \$10,000.
-  Yellow - Greater than 10% but less than or equal to 20% of estimate and more than \$10,000.
-  Red - Greater than 20% of estimate and more than \$10,000.

Accuracy of Revenue Bills

-  Green - Within the estimates margin of error.
-  Yellow - Greater than margin of error but less than two times margin of error.
-  Red - Greater than two times margin of error.

Implementation

-  Green - Implemented within the first month of the bill's effective date. The definition of implemented will vary according to the difficulty of the bill's task. Tasks that are too large to be implemented in the first month can be considered implemented if the agency has a reasonable plan and they are on schedule.
-  Yellow - Implemented after the first month but before the fourth month of the bill's effective date.
-  Red - Implemented after three months of the bill's effective date.

Performance Measures

The Analyst will decide if performance measures are appropriate and will use the "Implementation" guidelines. The Analyst will evaluate the agency's performance measures and recommend alternate measures when necessary.