

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held in Room 1E of the Legislative Office Building on March 1, 2007.

PRESENT: Lieutenant Governor Michael Fedele  
Mark Ojakian, Deputy Comptroller  
Senator Toni Harp  
Senator John McKinney  
Representative Kevin DelGobbo  
Representative Peter Tercyak  
Robert L. Genuario, Secretary and Clerk,  
Office of Policy & Management  
John Bacewicz, Executive Budget Officer,  
Office of Policy & Management, Budget and Financial Management Division

ABSENT: Governor M. Jodi Rell  
Denise Nappier, State Treasurer  
Representative Denise Merrill

Lieutenant Governor Fedele called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

1. It was voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2007.
2. The following new transactions were approved by the Committee:

FAC 2007-13– Military Department – A transfer of \$95,000 from Personal Services to Other Expenses to cover expenses associated with the New Haven Armed Forces Readiness Center and adjusted contract prices

There was no discussion on this item. This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

FAC 2007-14 – Connecticut Insurance Department – A transfer of \$32,805 from Personal Services to Indirect Overhead to meet requirements.

There was no discussion on this item. This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

FAC 2007-15 – Workers' Compensation Commission – A total transfer of \$297,719 from Fringe Benefits. \$207,000 to Personal Services because of the transfer of per diem Commissioners' positions from other expense to retire positions and \$90,719 to Indirect Overhead because actual SWCAP costs were higher than the Comptroller's estimate.

There was no discussion on this item. This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

FAC 2007-16 – Department of Children and Families – A total transfer of \$12,933,855 from Family Support Services and Board & Care for Children in Residential to various accounts to make fourth quarter payments.

Responding to questions from Commission members Greg Messner from DCF indicated the rate of growth for Worker’s Compensation has been fairly stable, explaining that in the last few years DCF has taken several steps to contain the cost of workers compensation including establishing Safety Committees and working with all their facilities. Regarding questions on budget adjustments for the Family Violence and Outreach contracts, Mr. Messner indicated that the Governor had required DCF to develop a program to attend to domestic violence needs of families.

The agency explained that overtime costs have risen significantly in the Area Offices as the agency tries to meet the requirements of the Exit Plan. Social Workers are required to meet with families which often have to occur after the normal work day. Also, Mr. Messner explained that under an agreement between Riverview and UCONN, professionals from UCONN Medical Center provide consultation on protocols to improve the operations of Riverview Hospital

This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

3. The meeting was then adjourned at 1:20 P.M.



Robert L. Genuario  
Clerk