

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

PRESENT: Lieutenant Governor Michael Fedele
Mark Ojakian, Deputy Comptroller
Howard Rifkin, Deputy State Treasurer
Senator Toni Harp
Representative Joan Lewis
Representative Kevin DelGobbo
Representative Peter Tercyak
Michael Cicchetti, Deputy 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
Senator David Cappiello

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 June 12, 2007.
2. The following new transactions were approved by the Committee:

FAC 2008-1– Commission on Fire Prevention and Control – A transfer of \$100,000 from Other Expenses to Payment to Volunteer Fire Companies to allocate funds to the appropriate account.

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

FAC 2008-2 – Department of Public Health – A transfer of \$120,000 from Personal Services to Other Expenses to assist the HealthFirst CT Authority and the Statewide Primary Care Access Authority.

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

FAC 2008-3 – Department of Social Services – A total transfer of \$13,775,000 from various accounts to Medicare Part D Supplemental Needs fund and Other Expenses to meet anticipated end of year requirements.

Representative Tercyak questioned the reduction to Medicaid. Deputy Secretary Cicchetti explained that functions were being shifted from Medicaid to Other Expenses. Representative Tercyak inquired if that was the same situation with the Housing/Homeless Services account. Deputy Secretary Cicchetti responded that we were combining dollars with those in Other Expenses to get an accurate count of the number of homeless and, similar to Medicaid, we were not taking away from services being provided.

This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

FAC 2008-4 – Department of Correction – A position count increase of 66 full-time positions which includes 50 Correctional Officers to staff posts currently being operated on overtime and 16 Parole and Community Services staff to manage community release of non-violent offenders.

Senator Harp asked what the additional positions would do to the deficiency. Deputy Secretary Cicchetti replied it would likely add to the deficiency and called on Department of Correction's Deputy Commissioner Carol Salsbury for some further explanation. Deputy Commissioner Salsbury confirmed an increase in the deficiency was likely, however, the additional positions would help avoid mandated overtime and offset some overtime costs. She continued saying that the Department's filled Correction Officer's levels were nearing their authorized count with 2 classes scheduled in the near future.

This item was unanimously approved by the Committee.

3. The meeting was then adjourned at 1:17 P.M.



Robert L. Genuario
Clerk