

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
September 6, 2018  
Held in Room 1E at the Legislative Office Building

PRESENT: Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman  
Deputy Comptroller Martha Carlson  
Deputy Treasurer Lawrence Wilson  
Senator Catherine Osten  
Representative Melissa Ziobron  
Representative Toni Walker  
Deputy Secretary Susan Weisselberg  
Office of Policy and Management, Finance Advisory Committee Clerk

Lieutenant Governor Wyman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes of the June 7, 2018, meeting were adopted.

The following new transactions were considered by the committee:

FAC 2019-01 for the Office of Early Childhood. This is a request for approval of vendor fees for processing background checks for prospective child care providers.

The item was unanimously approved without discussion.

FAC 2019-02 for the Office of Early Childhood. Transfer of \$26,678,810 from the Care4Kids account to the Early Care and Education and Personal Services accounts to complete a multi-agency realignment of TANF, Social Services Block Grant, and appropriated funds that was partially accomplished as part of the enacted budget.

The item was unanimously approved without discussion.

FAC 2019-03 for the Office of Early Childhood. Transfer of \$299,273 from Care4Kids account to the 2GEN account to support program evaluation.

Representative Ziobron asked about the rationale for the source of funds for the transfer given that the agency testified in the spring that additional funding was needed for the Care4Kids program to address the waiting list. Commissioner Wilkinson described how the transfer of funding would help achieve the mission of the Care4Kids program. Representative Ziobron asked whether discussions had taken place between OEC and the Office of Policy and Management about releasing the holdback in the 2GEN account to obviate the need for a transfer from Care4Kids. Commissioner Wilkinson responded that a discussion had taken place and the agency was encouraged to bring the matter to the Finance Advisory Committee. Representative Ziobron indicated that she was not supportive of the transfer because it would reduce resources available for Care4Kids.

Representative Walker indicated her support for the transfer, and then asked whether the agency was directing Care4Kids resources to the populations most in need. Commissioner Wilkinson responded that all priority groups except the priority group serving the TANF population were partially or completely closed to new families for about two years but that the agency was able to completely clear the waiting list within a few months last year when the program was reopened following passage of the biennial budget.

The item was approved with Representative Ziobron voting no.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Weisselberg, Clerk