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Subject: Message from DHS Director Clyde Saiki: Governor Kate Brown's recommended Budget

Dear SSAC and DSAC members,

Below are excerpts from the Director of DHS on the Governor's Recommended Budget.

This budget is not as bad as many of us were anticipating but does have some very negative news about Oregon Project Independence with a complete elimination of the OPI for people with disabilities pilot program and a 75% reduction in the OPI for seniors program. This will truly devastate the program.

Please keep in mind that this is not the exact budget which will ultimately be passed by the legislature. This is a starting point. I look forward to working with you all to advocate for protection of the services we provide to older adults and younger adults with disabilities in our region.

Thanks,
Dave

2017-19 Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) for the Oregon Department of Human Services

Message from DHS Director Clyde Saiki

FYI: As the Governor said at this morning's news conference, the GRB "represents the *beginning* of a conversation, not the end – the conversation about who we are as a state; where we want to go, and what we're willing to do to get there."

Below is a **summary of the key program investments** proposed by the Governor to balance the DHS budget and meet the needs of Oregon's most vulnerable residents:

Investments in the **Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) program** will assist a diverse population of older adults and people with physical disabilities to achieve well-being through opportunities for community living, employment, family support and long term services and supports that promote independence, choice and dignity. The program seeks to achieve the following goals: Ensure the safety and protection of the population we serve with a focus on prevention; Facilitate broad awareness of, and easy access to, services; Invest in preventive services to keep people independent, safe and healthy for longer periods of time; Provide person centered services and supports; and serve people in an equitable and culturally sensitive manner. The Governor also had to make difficult choices in this budget:

- Continues funding for Service Priority Levels 1-13. This investment will continue current Medicaid service levels for all clients.
- Protects current caseload and eligibility criteria.
- Supports a staffing level of a net 90.4 percent of the workload model by the end of the biennium, based on the fall 2016 caseload forecast.

The Governor's Budget includes the following **program reductions** for the Department of Human Services:

- Eliminates the General Assistance program that was passed earlier in 2016 in HB 4042 - \$1.9 million GF.
- Eliminates the Live-In Program in Aging and People with Disabilities as of 7/1/2017 - \$20.8 million GF. The program will convert most clients to the in-home hourly program.
- Eliminates Oregon Project Independence for people with disabilities; in addition, it reduces the remainder of the program expenditures by 75% - \$22 million GF total.
- Holds Nursing Facility rates at the 6/30/2017 level - \$18.3 million GF.
- Implements a partial reduction (50%) in the complex medical add-on for nursing facilities - \$6.6 million GF.
- Eliminates the Family to Family Network for I/DD - \$1.3 million GF.
- Eliminates Regional Staff for I/DD - \$4.8 million GF.
- Expends \$6 million in funding from the Fairview Housing Trust and makes a one-time investment in the DHS I/DD program's K-Plan services.
- Reduces Brokerage and Community Developmental Disabilities Programs (CDDP) equity funding from 95% to 91% - \$3.5 million GF.
- Eliminates the Oregon Enterprise Data Analytics program - \$1 million GF.
- Provides only flat funding for most Services and Supplies (eliminates inflation)
- Reduces DHS Personal Services funding by \$7 million GF.
- Transfers some Information Technology Security positions to the Office of the State Chief Information Officer, based on the Governor's cyber security executive order - \$0.4 million GF.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

-- Clyde