

Notes
NCACDSS Fiscal Committee
August 9, 2006

The NCACDSS Fiscal Committee met on August 9, 2006, at 2 p.m. at Wake County Human Services. Present were: Jay Burrus, Dare; Millie Brown, Duplin; Kim Goodwin, Chowan; Sandra Wilson, LBL; Barbara Willoughby, Wilson; PJ Quinn, Edgecombe; Amy Johnson, Mecklenburg; Al Wentzy, Northampton; Richard Cobb, DMA; Sharon Hirsch, Durham; Donna York, Alamance; Sherry Dowless, Bladen; Jerry Rhodes, Washington; Letitia Maynor, Harnett; Jane Kimsey, Macon; Kim Cribb, Cumberland; Donna Smith, Lenoir; Ken Crossno, Lenoir; Deborah Atkinson, DMA; Sarah Barham, DSS; James Clark, NCDSS; Phil Lassiter, DSS; Peggy Morris, Moore; Maggie Holley, LBL; Deana Hatcher, Columbus; Gary Ayres, DAAS; Geoff Santoliquido, DAAS; Susana Villescas, Mecklenburg; Hugh Cole, LBL; Nancy Coston, Orange; Clifton Hardison, Martin; Vicky Hill, Wayne.

Co-Chairs Nancy Coston and Jay Burrus welcomed the group.

Jay Burrus reviewed NCACDSS Committee guidelines. Highlights include:

- Only Directors or their appointed representative may vote
- Committee decisions are advisory to the Executive Board and will be considered "approved" after Executive Board action.
- Program committees can consider new policy, but all fiscal notes and fiscal impact of new policy should be brought to the Fiscal Committee as well.

Richard Cobb and Deborah Atkinson of DMA provided information on Medicaid Relief:

Relief Amount

The dollar figure supplied by the NCACC is correct. It is based on what was paid in SFY 2006. A CD is available detailing how this number was determined. Email Mr. Cobb to have file emailed or CD sent to you.

Impact of the 27.4 Million Dollar Threshold

Mr. Cobb thinks this is a good number. No county (or very few) are anticipated to spend in excess of this year's amount. If the threshold is approached, one strategy is to change legislative language such that individual counties pay, rather than all counties. Mechanically, in the spring when counties hit their cap, their warrant will show the usual detail with zero due.

Mr. Cobb will provide a synopsis of his presentation to all Directors. The committee will examine Medicaid projections in relation to the cap at a future committee meeting.

Nancy Coston reported that the 2007 Maximus Conference will be held March 22 – 24 in Wrightsville Beach. Maximus has promised to coordinate their conference with the Fiscal, Personnel and Technology Conference next year.

Keri McManus reported that the 2007 Fiscal, Personnel and Technology Conference will be held February 7 – 9 at the Greensboro Marriot Downtown. Please contact Mrs. McManus with workshop ideas.

Jeff Santoliquido of DOA reported on the anticipated budget impact of the January 1, 2007, Special Assistance rate increase. State funding is sufficient. A 4.4% budget increase over each county's SFY06 final expenditure total will be necessary in order to match State funding. Revised projections will be out in the near future.

Mr. Santoliquido encouraged participation in the Special Assistance In-Home program.

Gary Cyrus of DOA reported that the State Adult Day Care Fund had a \$5 increase in the daily care rate equaling a 16.5% allocation increase. Sixty-four counties are to receive new funds.

Mr. Cyrus also reported that Home and Community Care Block Grant allocations had just went out. They include four million new dollars. More funding is needed—up to 21 million dollars over three years.

The committee is tentatively scheduled to meet in September and November, skipping October and December. Send any agenda items to Jay Burrus or Nancy Coston.

The meeting was adjourned.