

The Agency

Office of Health and Human Services

Agency Operations

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) was established for the purpose of coordinating the delivery and financing of health and human service programs serving virtually all of Rhode Island's one million residents and providing direct services to over 248,000 Rhode Islanders. The cost of providing these services is over \$2.6 billion per year, or almost forty percent of the entire state budget, and includes programs administered by the state's five health and human service departments (Health; Human Services; Children, Youth and Families; Elderly Affairs; and, Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals). The office is uniquely positioned to view health and social services from a more global perspective, enhancing its efforts to identify areas of duplication, overlap and opportunity.

The EOHHS serves as a mechanism for formalizing inter-departmental coordination and has taken steps to improve administrative efficiencies as well as the quality of health and human services policy and planning, budgeting and administration with the overall goal of improving service delivery across the social services system.

In addition, the office is responsible for coordinating the administration and financing of health care benefits, services and programs including those authorized by the Medicaid State Plan under Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act. This would include: serving as the Governor's chief advisor and liaison to federal policymakers on Medicaid issues and as the principal point of contact in the State on all related matters; reviewing any new Departmental waiver requests and renewals as well as any initiatives and/or proposals requiring Medicaid State Plan amendments that may have an impact on Medicaid state-funded health care programs and, preparing an annual comprehensive overview of all Medicaid expenditures for the Governor and General Assembly.

Agency Objectives

To coordinate the organization, design and delivery of health and human services; to promote an efficient and accountable system of high quality, coordinated health and human services.

Statutory History

Title 42 Chapter 7.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws established the Executive Office of Health and Human Services within the Executive Branch of state government.

The Budget

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	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	640,686	1,392,346	11,528,129	7,603,107	9,087,306
Operating Supplies and Expenses	294	18,353	39,002	108,337	190,506
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	2,430,842	3,204,950	915,512	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$640,980	\$3,841,541	\$14,772,081	\$8,626,956	\$9,277,812
Capital Purchases and Equipment	-	6,659	15,000	206,704	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$640,980	\$3,848,200	\$14,787,081	\$8,833,660	\$9,277,812
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	250,294	363,333	5,223,297	3,836,576	3,448,389
Federal Funds	93,852	3,168,914	7,593,011	4,324,922	4,544,633
Restricted Receipts	296,834	315,953	1,970,773	672,162	1,284,790
Total Expenditures	\$640,980	\$3,848,200	\$14,787,081	\$8,833,660	\$9,277,812
FTE Authorization	5.0	5.0	92.2	85.1	73.1
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of Workforce	-	-	-	-	-
Females as a Percentage of Workforce	80.0%	100.0%	*	*	*
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-	-

*Due to the centralization of the legal, purchasing, and budgeting functions within EOHHS, the postponement of transferring positions from other human service agencies, and attribution, the EEO measures are indeterminate for FY 2009 and FY 2010.