

The Agency

Office of Health and Human Services

Agency Operations

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) serves as “the principal agency of executive branch of state government” responsible for managing the departments of: Health; Human Services; Children, Youth and Families; Elderly Affairs; and, Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals (R.I.G.L. 47-7.2-2) Together, these five agencies provide an array of health and human services and supports that touch the lives of all Rhode Island’s residents at some point in time and at a cost of nearly \$2.9 billion per year, or almost forty percent of the entire state budget.

The chief focus of the EOHHS over the last year has been implementation of the Global Consumer Choice Waiver, Rhode Island’s innovative Medicaid reform initiative. The Global Waiver complements ongoing efforts, mandated by statute, to consolidate and streamline core agency functions within EOHHS while establishing a consumer centered integrated system of health and human services. Over the last fiscal year, efforts to centralize within EOHHS components these functions has continued and are proceeding apace despite a period of inaction due to leadership changes.

As required under 42-7.2-6.1(9)(e), the EOHHS is developing a plan for submission to state policymakers that restructures functional responsibilities across departments. The plan will include multiple components with the potential to achieve greater efficiency in the organization, finance, design and delivery of services. The centralization of certain functions will modernize existing systems, leverage available resources, and streamline service delivery and payment systems. The expectation is that this process will yield savings in SFY2011 by eliminating areas of duplication and overlap, assisting in filling personnel gaps, reducing substantially overhead costs. Until the plan is approved, however, it is not appropriate for the EOHHS’s budget for SFY 2011 to include an estimate of savings that may accrue to the state as result of the proposed reorganization.

Agency Objectives

To manage the organization, design and delivery of health and human services; to develop and implement an efficient and accountable system of high quality, integrated 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 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	1,392,346	5,449,081	9,200,183	7,963,511	7,204,640
Operating Supplies and Expenses	18,353	88,229	190,506	74,382	71,107
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	2,430,842	1,331,631	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$3,841,541	\$6,868,941	\$9,390,689	\$8,037,893	\$7,275,747
Capital Purchases and Equipment	6,659	206,704	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$3,848,200	\$7,075,645	\$9,390,689	\$8,037,893	\$7,275,747
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	363,333	3,434,394	3,621,896	3,323,828	3,528,201
Federal Funds	3,168,914	2,989,143	4,484,003	3,853,419	2,873,533
Restricted Receipts	315,953	652,108	1,284,790	860,646	874,013
Total Expenditures	\$3,848,200	\$7,075,645	\$9,390,689	\$8,037,893	\$7,275,747
FTE Authorization	6.0	85.1	74.1	75.6	75.6
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of Workforce	-	-	-	-	2.4%
Females as a Percentage of Workforce	80.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	54.8%
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 attrition, the EEO measures are indeterminate for FY 2009 and FY 2010.