



SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT *of* SOCIAL SERVICES



FY 2018-19 Budget Hearing

Recurring Budget Requests – FY18-19



Michelle H. Consent Agreement/Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) –

\$20,281,214

234 FTEs

Priority #1

Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)

- Review conducted by Administration of Children and Families (ACF) every 5 years, of all child welfare agencies in U.S.
- States must achieve substantial conformity across 7 child welfare outcomes
- No state, to date, has met all 7 requirements in initial review by ACF – all states have had to submit permanent improvement plans (PIPS)

Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)

- 2000-2004 - SCDSS did not meet requirements of PIP and was fined \$2.4 million
- 2007- 2010 – SCDSS did meet requirements of PIP – no fines
- 2015 – 2018 – ACF began review of SCDSS in April 2017. Final report to the agency should be sent in January 2018. PIP is due 90 days from the receipt of report.

Class Action Lawsuit – *Michele H.*

- Lawsuit brought in January 2015 on behalf of children in foster care in SC for alleged violations of class members' constitutional and statutory rights
- Plaintiffs – Childrens Rights, SC Appleseed Justice Center and Wyche P.A. Law firm
- Settlement agreement signed on October 4, 2016
- Puts SCDSS welfare reform efforts under federal court oversight

Class Action Lawsuit – *Michele H.*

- Settlement agreement allows agency and State to avoid prolonged, expensive litigation and continue to remain focused on child welfare reform
- Federal Court Monitors are charged with verifying data and issuing public reports on progress towards performance on terms of settlement agreement

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Settlement Agreement Categories

- 1) Caseloads (Foster Care, OHAN, IFCCS and Adoptions)
- 2) OHAN Investigations
- 3) Foster Care Placements
- 4) Healthcare

Consent Agreement/CFSR

Caseworkers and Supervisors

\$16,934,820

- 186 Caseworker FTEs and 37 Supervisor FTEs
- Caseworkers and supervisors to meet the standards established for Foster Care (1:15), IFCCS (1:9), Adoption (1:17), OHAN (1:8), Supervisors (1:5) in the consent agreement and to meet anticipated caseload increase from hubs.
- Multi-year request

Consent Agreement and CFSSR

Information Systems

\$1,238,064

- Implementation of a Data Reporting System that is user-friendly and produces real-time information for staff
- Modify CAPSS to meet Michelle H. reporting requirements and to provide data audit reports. Hire Data QA staff to ensure data integrity
- 5 FTEs

Training

\$508,330

- Training needs will substantially increase to meet requirements of Michelle H. Lawsuit
- 6 FTEs to provide additional training, coaching and mentoring

Consent Agreement and CFSSR

Group Home Transition \$1.6M

- Consent Agreement limits the placement of children ages 0-12 in group homes.
- Group Homes are moving towards Child Placing Agency (CPA) model.
- Will provide \$10 per day/per home for support and recruitment of foster homes.

Recurring Budget Requests Continued

Adult Protective
Services - \$2,665,562
33 FTEs
Priority #3



Adult Protective Services

Case Workers/Supervisors \$2,373,422

- 33 FTEs
- Increase needed to meet the standard established for APS (1:20), anticipated growth in population, increased caseload from statewide rollout of hubs
- Multi-year request

Emergency Placement Beds \$292,140

- 15 Nursing Home Beds @ \$1,623 (Medicaid rate)

Recurring Budget Requests Continued



Economic Services - \$2,992,185

13 FTEs

Priority #4

Economic Services

Benefits Integrity

\$313,606

- 13 FTEs
- Implement new federal benefit integrity requirements

State Match

\$2,678,579

- Loss of Child Care Vouchers that will affect 2,300 children
- Loss of donations left program without state match

Non-Recurring Budget Request



PACSS - \$25M

Priority #2

Child Support Enforcement

PACSS

\$25M

- HP Settlement Funds will be exhausted in FY2017-18
- Federally mandated to implement automated child support enforcement system and state disbursement unit
- Estimated total non-recurring ask over next two fiscal years - \$30 - 35M



DSS REQUEST - \$50,938,961

Recurring Funds	\$23,946,776
Priority 1 - Michelle H./CF SR	\$20,281,214
Priority 3 - Adult Protective Svcs.	\$ 2,665,562
Priority 4 - Economic Services*	\$ 2,992,185
Non-Recurring Funds	\$25,000,000
Priority 2 - PACSS	\$25,000,000
Total FTE's	280

*Governor's Budget included this with both recurring and non-recurring funds.