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To: Legislative Members of the Finance Advisory Committee

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Subject: Items for the Finance Advisory Committee meeting on June 3, 2010

The Finance Advisory Committee agenda for June 3, 2010 contains 3 items (items 2010-38 through 2010-40) which have been reviewed by this office and the following information is provided to more fully explain them. Please note that we anticipate providing a new and revised format for the next Finance Advisory Committee meeting in FY 2011 based on your feedback and a review team in OFA.

2010-38 Office of the State Comptroller

The Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) requests a General Fund transfer of \$200,000 from the Personal Services account to the Other Expenses account.

The additional funds in the Other Expenses account, which represent approximately 4.0% of the original FY 10 appropriation, are necessary due to expected agency operational costs.

Funds are available in the Personal Services account due to delays in filling position vacancies related to the Retirement Incentive Program (RIP).

2010-39 Department of Social Services

The Department of Social Services (DSS) requests a total transfer of \$54.8 million affecting a variety of accounts, as detailed in the attached request.

The majority of the transfers included in the request are necessary due to changes in the caseloads since the budget was originally adopted. Additionally, funds are available in several accounts due to policy actions, outlined as follows:

- The Child Care Services, Medicaid Part D Supplemental Needs, and Alzheimer's Respite Care programs had enrollment closures during the fiscal year that resulted in a total of approximately \$11.1 million of these funds being available for transfer.
- Under the State Administered General Assistance (SAGA) program, the original FY 10 budget included \$43.3 million in increased rate funding to allow the conversion of the program to Medicaid. However, a combination of delays in the conversion process and rate increases have made \$15.4 million available for transfer, despite significantly higher than anticipated SAGA caseloads.

The combined impact of the requested transfers, along with a release of holdbacks¹ and the Medicaid deficiency appropriation of \$71,550,730 included in PA 10-179 (the FY 11 revised budget act), will allow the department to meet its end of year expenditure needs.

2010-40 Commission on Child Protection

The Commission on Child Protection (CPC) requests a transfer of \$30,000 from the Contracted Attorneys account to the Attorney-Related Expenses account.

Additional funds are necessary in the Attorney-Related Expenses account due to increasing demand for outside resources to assist in the representation of clients (e.g., psychological evaluations, translation services, and service of process).

Funds are available in the Contracted Attorneys account because fewer attorneys have billed on an hourly basis than was originally anticipated.

These transfers will help the agency meet its holdback requirements, in the amounts of \$18,000 and \$25,000 in Personal Services and Other Expenses, respectively.

¹ Including \$10.6 million and \$26.2 million in Personal Services and Other Expenses, respectively.