MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held in Room 1E at the Legislative Office Building, on January 9, 2014.

PRESENT: Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman
Deputy Comptroller Martha Carlson
Deputy Treasurer Christine Shaw
Senator Beth Bye
Representative Toni Walker
Representative Mae Flexer
Senator Robert Kane
Representative Craig Miner
Deputy Secretary Karen Buffkin
Office of Policy and Management, Finance Advisory Committee Clerk

Lieutenant Governor Wyman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

The minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting were adopted unanimously.

The following new transactions were considered by the committee:

FAC 2014-04 – Legislative Management. Request to transfer $650,000 from the Personal Services account to the Equipment account to meet time-sensitive equipment needs.

Rep. Flexer commented that she had requested that the Office of Fiscal Analysis prepare a report addressing amounts spent on bonding for equipment items.

This item was unanimously approved by the committee.

FAC 2014-05 – Department of Administrative Services. Request under the authority of Section 4-60u of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 13-225, to approve fees for provision of DMV data to for-profit businesses.

Sen. Kane asked whether the fee for Driver History Records is primarily paid by private entities and Chief Information Officer Mark Raymond answered affirmatively. Sen. Kane asked for further clarification surrounding the need, cost, and anticipated revenue for the marketing of these records. Mr. Raymond responded that marketing costs are minimal and primarily focused on the overall *ct.gov* portal, and that currently 1.5 million records are sold. Senator Kane asked whether the project was initiated by the vendor or the Department of Administrative Services. Mr. Raymond explained that the project was initiated by DAS and has been under development for two years. Sen. Kane expressed concerns regarding the safety and security of the data being accessed, and Mr. Raymond confirmed that there are contractual provisions in place regarding the secure transmission and accessibility of the data.

Rep. Minor inquired as to the types of vendors who might be reselling Driver History Records and the use of that data. Mr. Raymond explained that third party vendors supply the information to other companies, but that prior approval is required to receive the data. Rep. Minor asked for clarification surrounding the need for billing and collection services performed by the contracted vendor. Mr. Raymond described the role of the contractor in the billing process.

This item was approved by majority vote of the committee; Senator Kane and Representative Miner voted no.

FAC 2014-06 – Department of Banking. Request to transfer $40,000 from the Other Expenses account to the Equipment account to allow the agency to refresh its computers.

This item was unanimously approved by the committee.

FAC 2014-07 – Department of Social Services. Request to transfer $3,700,000 from the Medicaid account to the Charter Oak Health Plan account to cover final costs in the Charter Oak program, which sunset on December 31, 2013.

Rep. Walker asked how sure the department was that the request represents the final cost for the program given the lag that often occurs when a program ends. Michael Gilbert, DSS' Chief Fiscal Officer, indicated that the department will be asking providers to submit their bills before the end of the fiscal year and will work with the legislature and OPM to ensure there is a mechanism for payments to be made after the fiscal year, if necessary. Mr. Gilbert explained that the request was based on the best estimate of costs at this time.

Rep. Miner asked where program participants would receive services after the program ended. Mr. Gilbert explained that this transaction was for services delivered before the end of 2013 and beneficiaries would have other coverage options under the Affordable Care Act effective January 1, 2014.

This item was unanimously approved by the committee.

FAC 2014-08 – Department of Children and Families. Request to transfer $7,000,000 from the Board & Care for Children – Residential account to the Other Expenses, Board & Care for Children – Adoption and Board & Care for Children – Foster Care accounts to cover juvenile justice and non-residential placement costs.

Sen. Kane asked about the portion of the transaction related to security at the Solnit Center – South Campus. Cindy Butterfield, DCF Fiscal Officer, responded that the costs are a result of measures the department implemented in response to an incident involving a department employee, as well as a re-evaluation of the campus' security needs. Sen. Kane asked whether security planning is undertaken only in response to incidents. Ms. Butterfield noted that the department had been working over an extended period of time to enhance security at its various buildings, but that incidents such as this one sometimes result in the identification of measures that were previously unidentified.

This item was unanimously approved by the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Buffkin
Clerk