Advocates for Ohio’s Future Political and Field Call

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Highlights of Executive Budget Proposal, FY 2012-2013

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The Center for Community Solutions
Key Decisions in FY 2012-2013 Budget

• Cuts made to two-thirds of GRF line items
• Medicaid eligibility and optional services maintained
• Stimulus funding for K-12 education, Higher education, and DRC not replaced
• Pension funding shift…employees pick up additional 2 percentage points of contribution
• Widespread provider rate cuts and utilization controls for health services
Key Decisions in FY 2012-2013 Budget
Taxation, Local Govt. Funds, TPPT Reimbursement

• Allow final income tax cut to occur
• Reduce LGF by 25% in FY 2012, and additional 25 percentage points in FY 2013
• Libraries cut to 95% of reduced FY 2011 levels
• Accelerate reimbursement schedule for tangible personal property tax and utility property tax
• Additional sales tax revenue from MCO expansion
• NF and hospital franchise fees continue
• Assumes continuation of estate tax revenue
Key Decisions in FY 2012-2013 Budget
Privatizations and One-Time Revenue

- Wholesale liquor distribution franchise sold to Jobs Ohio…..$500m net to GRF
  - Loss of future liquor profits transfer to GRF
- Sale of five prisons….$50m net to GRF (or more?)
- Debt restructuring in FY 12…. $440m cash flow savings
- UI interest payments to federal government not budgeted …. $194m over biennium
Medicaid Spending, All Funds/All Agencies
State GRF needed to replace e-FMAP

Source: Ohio Office of Health Transformation. FYs 2011-2013 estimated
GRF Tax Revenue: Baseline Assumptions

• Total GRF Tax Revenue Growth estimates:
  – FY 2011, 7.0%
  – FY 2012, 2.5%
  – FY 2013, 4.4%

• Economic Assumptions (Ohio):
  – Employment growth of 1.1% in FY 2012, 1.3% in FY 2012
  – Wage and salary growth, 4.0% both years
Tax Revenue: Cuts to LGF and TPPT
Reimbursement boost GRF

Source: OBM
Lisa Hamler-Fugitt
Executive Director of OASHF

The good, it’s bold

The bad, it may be unbalanced unless the gold is found

The ugly, the unknown
The Good - It’s Bold

- Increases JFS budget by 3.2% in 2012 to $22.154 billion and 5.7% in 2013 to $23.417 billion.

- Spending 85% of JFS budget on health care is not a sustainable policy or budget decision - Creation of the Office of Health Transformation.

- Safety net services preserved in recognition of the most vulnerable:
  - Commitment to provide OWF, Food Assistance and Medicaid.
  - Housing Trust Fund held level.
  - Foodbanks cut by only $500K per year in GRF.
  - Greater flexibility - they asked for it - they got it!
The Bad - Unbalanced JFS Budget

The Bad - Unless the Gold is Found

ODJFS 2012/13 Budget request includes 68% Federal & 32% GRF fund appropriations, encompassing 8 programs.

Non-Medicaid GRF funding to ODJFS continues to decrease. In 2008, GRF funding was $968 Million, and in 2011 it is estimated to be $831 Million.

- 40% increase in Food Assistance (SNAP/food stamp) caseloads since the beginning of the Great Recession.
- 57% increase in Ohioans receiving Food Assistance since 2004.
- In 2010, 2,362,792 Ohioans received some amount of food assistance.
- 2.7 weeks FA benefits last each month.
- Hunger and Poverty are on the rise and there is a connection between hunger and poor health outcomes.

The Ugly - The Unknown

- How will local governments and public agencies respond to deep cuts in LGF and county allocations?

- Will the dollars and budget savings materialize from bold health care reforms and reimbursement restructuring?

- The Show Down - Who will draw first? - The legislator's - The Special Interest - or The People.

- Political will may face off with the needs of the people.

- Uncertain economic recovery, rising food and fuels cost, health care reform, worldwide unrest and federal budget cuts.
The Sequels

For A Fistful of Dollars
We can secure additional investments in Safety Net Services
Join Advocates for Ohio’s Future at www.advocatesforohio.org
Join the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks (OASHF) Paper Plate Project & Endorsement Campaign
  www.oashf.org
  www.paperplateproject.org
  www.ohiobenefits.org

For A Few Dollars More
• Support OASHF’s modest and humble request - $1 per person, per month for hungry Ohioans served by Foodbanks and food pantries = $17 m per year/$34 m 2012/13.
• Support continuation and expansion of the Ohio Benefit Bank.
• Provide access to healthy wholesome food for Ohio’s children, seniors and working families.

Hungry Ohioans can’t wait while lawmakers debate!

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Child Welfare

• Line 523 - State Child Protection Allocation - 10% cut

• Line 528 - Adoption Services - 10% cut - state based adoption assistance subsidies from $250 to $230/month. PASSS funding maintained

• Line 541 - Kinship Permanency Incentive program eliminated

• Line 533 - Children, Family, Adult Community/Protective Services - 13.5% cut
Other county programs

- Line 502 - Child Support Match - 15.2% cut
- Line 521 - Family Stability Subsidy (formerly IM) - 10% cut
- Line 534 - Adult Protective Services - 10% cut
• TANF County PRC allocation - $80 million cut

• Flexibilities continue - local flex for TANF to Title XX transfer, use of local mandated share to claim federal matching funds, local flexibility for Line 533 use

• Child Care - $80 million reduction in TANF for child care investment, 7.9% cut in GRF
  - Impact – initial eligibility changes from 150% to 125% of poverty, but current and newly qualifying families can maintain slot until family reach 200%
  - Child care provider rates will decrease by 7%
  - Investment for Star rated quality decreases.
  - Eligible children served: 103,865 in 2012 and 104,350 in 2013

• TANF Cash Assistance benefit levels will maintain
Mental Health

• Largest change - Medicaid match paid by local will now be State - frees local dollars for match. Local levy dollars or state community services dollars can be used for people who are not Medicaid eligible.

• All line items such as 408 (Children's System of Care) rolled into item 505 (Community Services Line Item. Children are priority here.

• Decisions about Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program and Center for Innovative Practice to be made after amount of federal Mental Health Block Grant is known.
Health and Medicaid

• Focus is all children in child welfare system have care coordinator

• Help Me Grow - reduced by $5 million each year - how much for Part C and how much Home Visiting not known

• BCMH - 14% reduction, expected to be picked up by counties

• Focus on pre-natal care and reduction of low weight babies
• Community based services and diversion from institutions continues

• Continuation of funding for RE-CLAIM

• Continuation of funding for Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Programs

• One more Juvenile Detention Center closed

• Need to keep focus on moving dollars from closed institutions to community mental health and addiction services
groundWork

groundWork is a non-partisan advocacy initiative established by a broad cross-section of organizations, concerned citizens, and community leaders working to increase access to high-quality early childhood supports for all of Ohio’s children and families.

1. High-quality early care and education programs
2. Assessment, screening, and treatment for early childhood social and behavioral health
3. Access to early childhood health services & supports
4. Access to full-day kindergarten

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Partners’ advocacy days and AOF events:
http://advocatesforohio.org/events

• Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, April 5, Opiate Summit
• Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging, April 5-6, 04a Spring Advocacy Conference
• UHCAN Ohio and Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage, April 6, Health Care Action Advocacy Day
• Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio, April 13, COHHIO Lobby Day
• The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, the Ohio State University Nisonger Center, and the Ohio Olmstead Task Force, April 14, Legislative Advocacy Day
• Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies, April 25-26, OACCA Advocacy Conference
• Voices for Ohio’s Children, Ohio School Based Health Care Association, Ohio Afterschool Network and the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, April 27, Lobby for OH Kids Day
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