

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Monday, March 15, 2016

Refugee Resettlement Lawsuit:

Initially, we, along with DSS, World Relief, and Lutheran, were sued in state court. We removed the action to federal court because it is more likely that a federal court judge will grant summary judgment. Today, we are filing our answer to the complaint, which mainly denies their allegations. We will file for summary judgment (asking the court to dismiss the case) in the next few weeks.

DHEC – Institute for Child Success:

DHEC is transferring a federally-funded program for early childhood coordination to the Institute for Child Success (ICS), a non-profit based out of Greenville that is heavily involved in early childhood education. The transfer does not require a letter from the Governor, involvement from a member of the Governor's Office is required as an ongoing requirement of this grant program. David will be designated as the primary governor's office contact.

HHS – Rural Hospitals: *CONFIDENTIAL*****

Williamsburg Regional Hospital has entered into negotiations with a private partner in order to resolve some of the problems the facility has had moving forward with a new site. As the negotiations are confidential, but will likely be resolved by April 1 (a deadline imposed by HHS for rural hospital transformation grants), a visit to the hospital by our staff and cabinet directors at this time may be premature. Josh can provide further information.

DJJ – Oversight:

DJJ received word today that the Oversight Subcommittee meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 3:30 will likely be postponed indefinitely. Oversight staff is reviewing the Performance Based Standards system used by DJJ, so it is expected that the Oversight Subcommittee will meet again after that review is substantially complete.

PPP – Robert Ford:

Former Senator Robert Ford will be in court on April 11th in Charleston re failure to pay restitution. He is currently seven payments in arrears in the amount of \$11,600. His total restitution is over \$83,000. PPP is recommending that the court restructure the restitution payment, which is currently \$1,700 per month. Expect media coverage.

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Emergency Management – Annual Training:

EMD will be hosting a statewide disaster exercise for earthquakes beginning today through Wednesday as part of their annual training. State and local agencies will test their response plans for a type of disaster with little to no warning. There may be some press on this.

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