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Subject: RE:

Kara,

Attendees:

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Hank Page Communications Director
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Denise Rivers Deputy Director Community Living (Division manages the agency grants)
Dale Watson State Long Term Care Ombudsman

5. Breakdown of the \$8 million request.

The money is allocated based the waiting list. The assessment identifies if services should be a home delivered meal, congregate meal, home care, transportation. The goal is to put the money where it impacts the senior with the greatest need and delays Medicaid enrollment or institutional placement. We would use \$3 million to provide respite vouchers for the caregiver to use. That would allow them to get a break from their caregiver duties. They can choose an individual to come into the home or buy several hours at an adult day care facility.

There is no predetermined distribution. Again, based on each assessment, the money will purchase services to meet the needs identified in the assessment.

7. \$25,000 for counsel.

The Attorney General sets the rate for contract attorneys based on years practicing. Attorneys with 10 years or more experience are capped at \$150 per hour. The attorney representing the Ombudsman's Office would most likely have at least 10 years of experience as this individual would need strong experience in elder law. The attorney would only be paid for actual time worked.

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A couple of things:

For the list of attendees, please give their positions/job title.

5. Breakdown of the \$8 million request: **5 million for Home and Community Based Services and 3 million for Caregiver respite services.**

***They realize what the \$5 and \$3 are for but want a breakdown of each of those requests.

7. How was \$25,000 arrived at for counsel? **Estimated 2 days per month to assist the Ombudsman Program with subpoenas, FOIA requests, and legal advice.**

**They want to know based on what figures for the \$25,000? Who did the office consult with to come up with this estimate? Is it just a guess at how much an attorney would charge?

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Attached is the response for the subcommittee.

Tony