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Subject: Re: Senate Finance Committee update - our numbers

The issue from the past was that this money from us was being widely used for non Medicaid peeps.

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On May 10, 2012, at 7:13 AM, "Anthony Keck" <KECK@scdhhs.gov> wrote:

> Please make sure that this pass through is under a deliverables based contract with us.

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> From: Bryan Kost

> Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 6:54:36 AM

> To: Anthony Keck; Deirdra Singleton; Roy Hess; John Supra; Sam waldrep; Melanie Giese; Jennifer Lynch; Jeff Stensland; Jan Polatty; Nancy Zielke; Kathy Bass

> Cc: Josh Baker; Christian Soura

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> Part of Palmetto Project, they help folks find resources and services, like getting on Medicaid. Pinckney is a big fan, and in years past this group got funding through our budget section, though memory tells me it was difficult getting measurable deliverables.

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> Calling all contracts - defined outcomes required.

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> Website:

> <http://palmettoproject.org/sc-healthcare-information-referral-network/>

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> From: Anthony Keck

> Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 6:42:24 AM

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> Good job everyone.

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> What's the sc health care info and referral network?

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> From: Bryan Kost

> Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 11:04:05 PM

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> Spreadsheet (which has both budget and cap reserve funding) says DHHS got the following, above this year's funding:

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> - \$176,155,118 in General Funds (\$171.5M for Medical Asst and \$4.5M for MMIS)

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> - \$172,989,021 in Non Recurring Funds (\$157M cig tax; \$8.4M tobacco settlement; \$7M MMIS; \$50K pass through for SC Healthcare Info and Referral Network)

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> Total: \$349M new funds for FY 2013, added to our \$917M base for FY 2012.

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> Therefore, \$1.266B state treasury commitment to the health care safety net.

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> From: Bryan Kost

> Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 10:49:45 PM

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> They're done for tonight.

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> They passed out the spreadsheet of budget bill and capital reserve funding to the members. They did not share it with lobbyists like me.

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> They highlighted some of the things they funded at levels ABOVE the House-passed budget. Among them, they said they gave Lt Gov's Office an additional \$4.8M above House version, for HCBS. But they didn't mention us.

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> Then they talked about some big ticket items they funded at the SAME level as the House version. But they didn't mention us.

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> Considering their silence on both points, methinks we got the same amount as the House version - both the budget and cap reserve bill. Seems they'd have mentioned if Medicaid had gotten more.

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> And though several asked questions about various items on their spreadsheet, none of those related to Medicaid. To me, this is testament to the logic behind our request, and the clarity in its defense through our meetings and presentations. (And smooth fast-talking slick good old fashioned back-slapping wine-and-dine lobbying!)

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> Regarding the new money made available yesterday, Leatherman talked about putting some of that toward higher ed institutions' deferred maintenance and technology needs. Also, they gave extra pay increases to law enforcement officers (an extra two percent above the three percent all state bureaucrats get.)

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> Mostly, they were tired, and several hinted there would be more debate on the Senate floor. They wanted to get this out of committee and keep the budget on schedule. Thus, they voted unanimously to pass it out, as amended.

> They said the numbers, as an amendment, will be available to the public online late Friday, or Saturday, after staff make adjustments. Then at the very end, they said they will make copies tonight - for us in the audience to see - so I'll stick around to get a copy, and look it over later tonight.

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> Happy Confederate Memorial Day, however you observe it.

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