

**INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE\***

Thursday, October 22, 2015

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**Budget**

Yesterday, Josh and David held ten (10) budget hearings with the following agencies: Legislative Counsel, Francis Marion University, MUSC, SFAA, Legislative Audit Council, Sea Grants Consortium, State Auditor, Aeronautics, and the Conservation Bank. There are three (3) more budget hearings scheduled for tomorrow.

Today, Josh and David held three (3) budget hearings with the following agencies: Comptroller General, Secretary of State, and Winthrop. There are five (5) more budget hearings scheduled for tomorrow.

**SNAP and Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) Waiver**

Our office was part of a conference call between DEW, DSS, and FNS. Following up on our programmatic meetings, the purpose of this call was to discuss the financial aspects of running the SNAP ABAWD Employment and Training program so that DEW can determine the scope of the program, in the event they are able to take it over for DSS. DSS is sending DEW financial reports for the last four (4) quarters, and we will be having a follow-up meeting/call early next week (REMINDER: DSS is currently operating the SNAP ABAWD program subject to a federal waiver which will expire on December 31, 2015).

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