




MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor John Carney
Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Dr. Kara Odom Walker, Secretary
Department of Health and Social Services 

DATE: January 23, 2018

SUBJECT: Delaware Health Fund Advisory Committee
Fiscal Year 2019 Recommendations

On behalf of the Delaware Health Fund Advisory Committee (HFAC), I present you with our Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Health Fund recommendations. The Committee's final decisions reflect several hours of discussion.

The State anticipates receiving \$24,150.0 (principal payment and interest) in Tobacco Settlement Funds for FY 19. The available Reserve balance is \$4,099.8.

The FY19 recommendations of HFAC are as follows:

- HFAC recommends moving "Switch Funded" Programs and Behavioral Health Programs to DHSS's base GF budget. This move is consistent with DHSS's budget request submitted to the Governor's Office.
- Increase funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control Programs.
- Reinstate the Delaware Prescription Assistance Program (DPAP). The importance of DPAP was highlighted in several meetings, compounded by reports of Delawareans falling into the "donut hole" without coverage from DPAP.
- The Committee recommends allotting \$1 million to create the Health Innovation Fund, which would help the state respond to emerging health trends.

The opioid crisis has increased the need for behavioral health programs and services across the state. Combatting this crisis and offering services for those in need is a priority of DHSS. By moving these programs to DHSS's base budget, the Department will be better able to coordinate resources and funding. DHSS has received additional federal funding that will be used to support these programs at their current levels.

HFAC recommends establishing an Innovation Fund for the purpose of funding health-related programs. Previously, new programs were not able to receive HFAC funding, inhibiting the Committee's ability to respond to health trends in the state. The Committee discussed current health trends in the state at length, which include high teen pregnancy rates, high infant mortality rates, an increase in adverse childhood experiences, and increasing teen substance abuse and mental health issues. Establishing the Innovation Fund would greatly enhance Delaware's ability to address current health issues in the state in new and creative ways.

During their meetings, the importance of keeping funding levels for Tobacco Prevention programs consistent was brought up several times by HFAC members. This work is at the heart of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, the source of this revenue, and saves lives and money due to the decrease in tobacco-related health problems. Over the past several years, funding for Tobacco Prevention programs has been falling and these programs provide a documented role in reducing the smoking rate.

The details of this recommendation are set forth more fully in the attached document. The recommendation expends \$25,365.8, which can be done with spending \$1,215.8 in funds from the Reserve.

As Chair of the HFAC, I would like to commend the members for their dedication and contribution to the Health Fund process:

Senator David McBride
Senator Bryan Townsend
Mr. Donald Fulton
Mr. Paresh Patel
Ms. Paula Roy

Representative Debra Heffernan
Representative Edward Osienski
Ms. Ann Kempinski
Dr. Charles Reinhardt

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Enclosure

Pc: Health Fund Advisory Committee Members
Michael Jackson, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Michael Morton, Office of the Controller General
Victoria Brennan, Office of the Controller General

FY 2019 Health Fund Advisory Committee - Final Recommendations Summary
November 29, 2017 Meeting

**FY 19 Final Health Fund
Recommendation**

Expenses

Existing Programs	\$24,365.8
New Program - Innovation Fund	\$1,000.0
TOTAL EXPENSES ALL PROGRAMS	\$25,365.8

Revenue

Projected MSA Payment <i>(received during FY 18)</i>	\$24,000.0
Projected Interest <i>(received during FY 18)</i>	\$150.0
TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE	\$24,150.0
Difference [(Shortage) / Overage]	(\$1,215.8)

Endowment / Reserve Balance	\$4,099.8
Remaining Endowment After Expenses	\$2,884.0

FY 2019 Health Fund Requests

PROGRAMS	FY '18 Budget	FY '19 Request	FY '19 Final HFAC Recommendations
Cancer Programs			
Mammography Van (Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition)	\$276.9	\$478.0	\$276.9
Cancer Consortium Recommendations (DHSS - DPH)	\$7,875.6	\$7,875.6	\$7,875.6
Consortium Sub-Grantees:			
a) DE Breast Cancer Coalition	\$64.3	\$100.0	\$64.3
b) Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment (DHSS - DMMA)	\$175.0	\$133.5	\$133.5
c) Cancer Care Connection	\$169.4	\$169.4	\$169.4
d) Cancer Support Community (Formerly The Wellness Community)	\$120.5	\$120.5	\$120.5
Subtotal	\$8,681.7	\$8,877.0	\$8,640.2
Disability Programs			
Medical Coverage for SSI Transition (DHSS - DMMA)	\$1,891.0	\$1,350.0	\$1,350.0
Attendant Care/HB 30 (DHSS - DDDS)	\$55.9	\$55.9	\$55.9
Attendant Care/HB 30 (DHSS - DSAAPD)	\$568.5	\$568.5	\$568.5
SSI Supplement (DHSS - DSS)	\$888.2	\$888.2	\$888.2
Money Follows the Person (DHSS - DMMA)	\$545.0	\$315.0	\$315.0
Subtotal	\$3,948.6	\$3,177.6	\$3,177.6
Tobacco Prevention and Control Programs			
Tobacco Prevention - Department of Justice	\$223.4	\$234.0	\$234.0
Tobacco Prevention - DSCYF	\$37.6	\$45.0	\$45.0
Tobacco Prevention - Div. of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement	\$391.9	\$561.6	\$561.6
Tobacco Prevention (DHSS - DPH)	\$1,638.3	\$3,720.7	\$3,720.7
Subtotal	\$2,291.2	\$4,561.3	\$4,561.3
Delaware Prescription Assistance Program (DHSS - DMMA)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2,000.0
Subtotal	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2,000.0
Workforce Development Programs			
New Nurse Formation Programs - Del Tech	\$2,145.5	\$2,688.9	\$2,688.9
Nursing Program - Polytech Adult Education	\$70.0	\$70.0	\$70.0
Delaware State University - Nursing Program	\$95.6	\$95.6	\$95.6
Subtotal	\$2,311.1	\$2,854.5	\$2,854.5

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Behavioral Health Programs			
Heroin Residential Program - Gaudenzia, Inc.	\$271.1	\$287.9	\$0.0
Substance Abuse Transitional Housing (DHSS - DSAMH)	\$132.5	\$132.5	\$0.0
Limen House	\$48.1	\$48.1	\$0.0
Delaware Schools ATODA Survey - University of Delaware	\$18.3	\$18.3	\$18.3
Project Renewal Program - Brandywine Counseling	\$106.4	\$147.9	\$0.0
Subtotal	\$576.4	\$634.7	\$18.3
Consumer Education Programs			
Nurse Family Partnership - Children & Families First	\$149.5	\$149.5	\$300.0
Subtotal	\$149.5	\$149.5	\$300.0
Other Programs			
Public Access Defibrillation (DHSS - DPH)	\$59.9	\$59.9	\$59.9
Health Care Connection (DHSS - DPH)	\$396.3	\$396.3	\$396.3
Chronic Disease Program [Diabetes] (DHSS - DPH)	\$267.4	\$267.4	\$267.4
Caregiver Program - Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children & Families	\$133.2	\$133.2	\$133.2
Medicaid Increase for Pregnant Women (DHSS - DMMA)	\$667.0	\$667.0	\$667.0
Family Planning Services - Planned Parenthood of Delaware	\$86.2	\$150.0	\$300.0
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Family Support Project - March of Dimes	\$19.3	\$19.3	\$19.3
Delaware Hospice - Programmatic Support	\$79.9	\$100.0	\$79.9
St. Francis Hospital - Operating Funds	\$80.1	\$100.0	\$100.0
American Lung Association of Mid-Atlantic - Asthma Project	\$41.9	\$41.9	\$41.9
Easter Seals - Respite Care Services	\$16.0	\$25.0	\$16.0
AIDS Delaware	\$8.0	\$10.0	\$8.0
Autism Supports	\$500.0	\$884.0	\$500.0
DTCC - Paramedic Instructional Program Expansion	\$225.0	\$350.0	\$225.0
Subtotal	\$2,580.2	\$3,204.0	\$2,813.9

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PROGRAMS	FY '18 Budget	FY '19 Request	FY '19 Final HFAC Recommendations
"Switch Funded" Programs			
Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHSS - DMMA)	\$1,936.3	\$2,034.7	\$0.0
Renal (DHSS - DMMA)	\$729.5	\$729.5	\$0.0
Non-Public School Nursing (DHSS - DPH)	\$539.5	\$539.5	\$0.0
School Based Health Centers (DHSS - DPH)	\$4,334.5	\$4,334.5	\$0.0
Health Care Connection (DHSS - DPH)	\$147.3	\$147.3	\$0.0
Health Disparities (DHSS - DPH)	\$40.4	\$40.4	\$0.0
Preschool Diagnosis and Treatment (DHSS - DPH)	\$52.8	\$52.8	\$0.0
Immunizations (DHSS - DPH)	\$94.6	\$94.6	\$0.0
Hepatitis B (DHSS - DPH)	\$32.0	\$32.0	\$0.0
Sickle Cell (DHSS - DPH)	\$215.5	\$215.5	\$0.0
Needle Exchange (DHSS - DPH)	\$184.3	\$184.3	\$0.0
Infant Mortality Task Force (DHSS - DPH)	\$432.7	\$432.7	\$0.0
Cancer Council (DHSS - DPH)	\$265.1	\$265.1	\$0.0
Developmental Screening (DHSS - DPH)	\$92.3	\$92.3	\$0.0
Nurse Family Partnership (DHSS - DPH)	\$1,040.0	\$1,040.0	\$0.0
Prescription Drug (DHSS - DPH)	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$0.0
Respite Care (DHSS - DSAAPD)	\$110.0	\$110.0	\$0.0
Subtotal	\$10,326.8	\$10,425.2	\$0.0
New Programs			
Create Innovation Fund using Endowment Balance	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,000.0
Subtotal	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,000.0
GRAND TOTAL	\$30,865.5	\$33,883.8	\$25,365.8