

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 7/10/2001

Reference No.: CB-43-2001

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Russell

Item Title: An Emergency Act appropriating to the General Fund revenue to provide for costs that were not anticipated in the approved FY 2000-2001 Budget

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OMB

Resource Stanley A. Earley
Personnel: OMB

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: 7/12/2001 S

Committee Referral: 6/5/2001 C.O.W.

Effective Date: 7/12/2001

Committee Action: 6/19/2001 FAV

Date Introduced: 6/5/2001

Public Hearing: 7/10/2001 1:00 P.M.

Council Action: 7/10/2001 ENACTED

Council Votes: RVR:A, DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:N, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: Retroactive to June 30, 2001

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Date: 6/19/01

Committee Vote: Favorable, 7-0-1, (In favor: Councilmembers Russell, Bailey, Esteppe, Gourdine, Hendershot, Scott and Wilson. Abstained: Maloney).

This bill will provide a \$3 million grant to Dimensions Health Corporation (DHC) to support the continuation of essential health services to the citizens of Prince George's County. This bill is an emergency act since it affects the public health, safety and welfare. Also, this appropriation will increase the FY2001 General Fund revenues and expenditures by \$3 million.

The chairman of the Board of Directors for Dimensions Healthcare expressed support for this legislation. Dimensions serves a vital role in the County by providing care for approximately 200,000 patients annually. A breakdown of these statistics will reflect that the typical patient is African-American (59%), female (58%), and from Prince George's County (85%). The

uninsured accounted for almost 40,000 patients (20%), while those covered by Medical Assistance accounted for 35,000 (18%).

Dimensions has engaged a nationally recognized management consulting firm, Cap Gemini Ernst and Young, to review all system operations and recommend opportunities for improvement.

DHC is very grateful to County Executive Curry for his recognition of the important role that they play in providing health care to the residents of Prince George's County.

There will be a negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-43-2001.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This bill will appropriate revenue to the General Fund for costs that were not anticipated in the approved Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Budget to provide funding to Dimensions Health Corporation in order to support the continuation of essential health services for the citizens of Prince George's County.

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