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Department of Family Services

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES ADDENDUM TO MID-YEAR FY2019 QUESTIONS March 20, 2019

Family Services

Operating Budget

(2) Is the delay a matter of staffing, or some other or additional reason?

The actual delay in start-up is the result of the Department's decision to begin the program in October, to coincide with Disabilities Awareness Month. As a component of the operations of the program, July-September was utilized to confirm the selection of each "placement" within the participating County Government agencies. As a result of the decision to train staff for a 9-month period, there was a savings generated thru salary-lapse for three-months of compensation and fringe costs for program participants.

Workload and Program Impact

(10) As you state in the written answers to the auditors, the inability to fill vacant positions is a serious problem. Do you have ideas or suggestions to address this problem?

In accordance with the recent County-wide decision to phase-in additional components of the SAP Personnel system, we anticipate that delays in the approval process for vacant positions will be greatly reduced in FY2020. To move to this phase of the upgrade, each Department has been tasked to identify and ensure that all approved positions within a Department's personnel count, are loaded/identified within the SAP system. Thus the routine confirmation of approving positions should be expedited and result in a quicker process to fill vacant positions.

(13) The written responses to the auditor's questions said the "majority of funding contracted" to the Family Crisis Center is for programs. Are any of the funds used to improve or maintain the physical facilities? Are the physical facilities adequate? Do they need significant improvement? If so, what are the plans to do so?

In compliance with the budget included within our contractual agreement, the County primarily funds the administrative staff that oversees program operations (Executive Director, Finance Manager and Office Manager), and for the program Counselors that perform therapeutic case management services. The counseling services are provided through the Family Violence Intervention Clinic, which consists of therapeutic counseling services to approximately 375 men and women, via utilization of the Abuser Intervention Program (ASIP) that offers 26 weeks of combined counseling and education for perpetrators and/or 12 weeks of counseling for female victims. The funding provided to the Family Crisis Center by the department is 390,000, which is a very small percentage of their total budget. The majority of FCC funding comes from GOCCP.

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The Department of Family Services does not provide oversight, monitor, or license senior housing facilities. Listed below are the facilities that are known to DFS.

Independent Senior Housing Facilities – Need to contact the DHCD for more detailed information.

- 5 facilities that are subsidized (rent based on income) and government owned; Prince George's County.
- 19 facilities that are low income Subsidized housing (rent based on income) – Privately owned
- 20 facilities that are considered affordable housing (less than market rate) – Privately owned.

Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities are monitored and licensed by the Maryland State Health Department- Office of Health Care Quality.

- 20 - Nursing Homes
- 11 - Large (16+ beds) Assisted Living Facilities
- 282 - Small (15 beds or less) Assisted Living Facilities

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