

Social Services & Community Development Committee  
February 25, 2014 Summary

Ford called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM. All members were present except Akers, Kay, Lawless and Stinnett. Clarke also was in attendance.

*November 19, 2013 Committee Summary*

On a motion by Ellinger, second Scutchfield, the summary of the 11.19.13 Social Services & Community Development Committee meeting was approved unanimously.

*Childcare Assistance Reductions*

Joann Rodes and Beth Mills updated the Committee on the childcare assistance reductions. Rose stated that Governor Beshear had included \$ 111 million in his budget proposal. If enacted by the General Assembly the funds would be available July 1 2014.

Rodes also discussed the Kentucky Fund for Child Care which is a voluntary donation program administered by the County Clerks' throughout Kentucky. She noted that Fayette Clerk Blevins was active in this program. She stated because most of the donations come via Fayette County residents, at least 15 Fayette County families have been assisted by this program.

Rodes stated that the Committee had requested a fiscal impact analysis of the cuts at its last meeting. She stated that they had met with Dr. Christopher Bollinger with the University of Kentucky Center for Business & Economic Research who submitted a proposal to do a fiscal impact analysis of the childcare program reductions. Bollinger's proposal included 5 separate projects that could be accomplished.

Rodes stated that a similar economic impact analysis was recently conducted for Jefferson County.

*FY 15 Partner Agencies Budget Requests*

Mills stated that 73 program applications were received from 50 partner agencies for FY 15 support. She stated that they requested \$ 6.3 million. She stated that in FY 14 \$ 2.3 million was allocated to the partner agencies for programs.

Mills stated that the review process has started. 8 groups of 3-4 citizens are reviewing 8-9 programs with partner agency presentations over the next few weeks. Mills stated that a Funding Group made up of a few Administration staff and 2 Councilmembers will examine the reviews and make a recommendation to the Mayor.

Mills stated that a new employee Amy Baker was brought on board last year to monitor the partner agency programs. Baker has visited each program at least once.

Ford stated that Myers lead the reformation of the social service partner agencies a few years ago. Myers stated that Mills and her team were doing a great job in making the programs offered by the partner agencies more effective and efficient.

*Items Referred to Committee*

Ford stated that he wanted to keep the workforce development item in Committee until the State Auditors report of the Bluegrass Area Development District was released.

On a motion by Myers, second Kay the Childcare item was removed

Motion by Myers to remove the Childcare Assistance issue from items list. Seconded by Kay. Motion passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 PM.