

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 13, 2016
2:00 PM
MINUTES**

**LOCATION: STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, 1900 KANAWHA
BOULEVARD, EAST, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305**

Finance Committees of the West Virginia Senate and the House of Delegates

**PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL BLOCK
GRANT FUNDS**

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The members of the Finance Committees of the West Virginia Senate and the House of Delegates held a joint public hearing on the proposed use of federal block grant funds on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, beginning at 2:00 PM in the House Finance Committee Room, Main Capitol Building, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, with House Finance Vice Chairman Eric Householder presiding.

Members in attendance were Delegates Eric Nelson, Eric Householder, William Anderson, Mick Bates, Brent Boggs, Ray Canterbury, Paul Espinosa, Allen V. Evans, Cindy Frich, Marty Gearheart, Bill Hamilton, Linda Longstreth, Carol Miller, Rick Moye, John O'Neal, David Pethel, Doug Reynolds, Erikka Storch, Ron Walters, Steve Westfall, and Terry Waxman. Senators in attendance were Senators Mike Hall, Greg Boso, Jeff Mullins, Robert Plymale, Ron Stollings, and Dave Sypolt.

The opening statement was read by Delegate Householder and is attached to and made a part of these minutes (see Attachment A).

The agenda is attached and is made part of these minutes (see Attachment B).

Further, copies of all statements on which presentations were based are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Community Development Block Grant was discussed first. Kelly Workman, of Project Development, Community Development, West Virginia Development Office was the presenter (see Attachment C).

Valerie Comer, Deputy Executive Director of the Governor's Workforce Investment Office then spoke concerning the Workforce Investment Act (see Attachment D).

Next, information on the Community Services Block Grant was presented by Shelly Woda of the Office of Economic Opportunity in the Governor's Office (see Attachment E).

The Department of Health and Human Resources was next. Maternal Health and Child Health block grant was the fourth block grant discussed. Christina Mullins, Division of Research, Evaluation and Planning, of the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health made the presentation (see Attachment F).

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The Community Mental Health Services block grant was addressed next. Peg Moss, of Adult Mental Health and Rehabilitation Services presented the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (see Attachment G).

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant was sixth on the agenda. Kathy Paxton of the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Division, Office of Behavioral Health presented this block grant (see Attachment H).

Bruce Adkins, Interim Director for the Office of Community Health Systems, a division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease, Office of Epidemiology and Health Promotion, Department of Health and Human Resources, spoke about plans for the Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant (see Attachment I).

Linda Adkins, Deputy Commissioner of Operations for the Office of Children and Family Policy, Bureau for Children and Families, presented information on four block grants received through the Department of Health and Human Resources. The block grants discussed were: Energy Assistance, Social Services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Child Care and Development (see Attachments J, K, L, M). This completed the Department of Health and Human Resources block grants.

The floor was opened for questions or comments for the presenters. Senator Hall had a question concerning the flow of funds from the TANF grant. Linda Adkins addressed the question and will follow up with additional information and figures for Senator Hall. There were no additional questions from the members or the public.

The public hearing was concluded at 3:05 pm.

Note:

Minutes prepared by the Budget Division of the Legislative Auditor's Office. The hearing was audio recorded; and all records and materials are available for inspection in Room 314, West Wing, Capitol Building, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Also, hearing was broadcast live from the WV Legislature's website: <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/>