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Subject: FW: AOS Funding Fix Proposal

Date: June 2, 2020 at 4:59:05 PM CDT

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3rd e-mail. Thank you.

From: Rob Sand

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:06 PM

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Subject: AOS Funding Fix Proposal

All,

Regarding oversight of the AOS Office if this proposal passes, please note the following. First, one of the alternatives laid out would have the Office retain an appropriation for parts of our administrative, non-billing staff. That appropriation could be adjusted just as is normally done.

But even if the legislature chose the route of a \$0 appropriation to AOS, the legislature would still have oversight over the AOS Office budget size and use. First, we would continue to have our full-time employee limit set on an annual basis in the budget bill, which would prevent any office expansion. Second, our hourly billing rate would only proceed through the standard rule-making process.

Finally- we are happy to consider other relevant ideas to address any concerns. Drop me a line or give me a call at the number below any time- it rings through to my cell.

Let me know if you have any other questions, concerns, or ideas.

Thanks,
Rob
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From: Rob Sand

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:36 AM

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Subject: FW: FW: SWCAP Reconciliation Response

All,

There's been a couple inquiries for the federal response. It is attached- see below as

well. Item 5, that starts at the end of the next to last page, is the most relevant portion. It starts: "The letter indicated that the State auditors will try to get legislative approval to bill all user agencies and bill all users (State agencies and local governments) at the same rate. If the State Legislature approves the changes, the problems identified in the current review will be corrected." 3 options are then laid out; the other two both involve repayment (one as an actual refund, the other as a credit to feds against future federal payments).

Again, happy to discuss, please let me know if you have questions. As you can see below, Kim Ashmore at DAS is involved as well if you prefer to talk to her.

Thanks,
Rob

From: Marlys Gaston <Marlys.Gaston@AOS.IOWA.GOV>
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Subject: FW: FW: SWCAP Reconciliation Response

Kim's response.

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Subject: Re: FW: SWCAP Reconciliation Response

I don't think there is anything confidential there; I don't see any issue with sharing the letter since possible solutions involve legislative action. Jay or Nick, do you see any possible problems with releasing their memo? Thank you.

Kim Ashmore

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On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:02 PM Marlys Gaston <Marlys.Gaston@aos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kim – Rob is wanting to know if he can share the Federal response to our April 20 letter with legislators and the governor? I'm thinking yes, but we wanted to check with you.

Thanks - Marlys

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Subject: RE: SWCAP Reconciliation Response

Can I share this letter with legislators and the Governor's Office at this point?

If that's something we need to ask Kim, Marlys, will you please check with her today?

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Subject: FW: SWCAP Reconciliation Response

Let's discuss Monday.

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Subject: RE: SWCAP Reconciliation Response

Hello Kim and Marlys,

Attached please find our response to the Iowa Auditor of State's letter dated April 20, 2020.

We are open for discussion, and welcome feedback from Iowa to work out an acceptable solution.

Warm regards,

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Subject: SWCAP Reconciliation Response

Good afternoon all,

Attached is the Iowa Auditor of State's response to the Federal auditor's recommended adjustments to the reconciliation worksheet pertaining to our SWCAP audit. Also attached is a revised reconciliation which we feel more accurately reflects our activity, as well as a copy of the legislation our office proposed in February 2020 that, if passed, would allow our office to bill all state agencies for the services we are required to provide.

Let us know how you would like to proceed from here.

Thank you,
Marlys

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