

DHS-DIRECTOR'S OFFICE/CHIEF COUNSEL (716)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 - EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Director's Office is responsible for the overall coordination of the Department of Human Services and to ensure that state and federal policies are carried out. The Office of Chief Counsel operates within the Director's Office and is responsible for providing legal services to all Divisions, investigative services regarding employee misconduct and recipient fraud in program areas such as TANF, Medicaid, Food Stamps, and child nutrition, audit services for the Department's various programs, and an appeals and hearings function for grievances made by providers and clients.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget is \$12,453,315 the first year and \$12,460,753 the second year.

FUNDING SOURCES

The Director's Office/Office of Chief Counsel is funded from a mix of sources that include General Revenue, Federal, and Other funds. The appropriation is funded by general revenue (34%), federal funds (47%), and other funds (19%).

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- The **Director's Office/Office of Chief Council's Operations** appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Other Revenues, provides Base Level of \$12,460,222 in FY14 and \$12,467,660 in FY15 with a Change Level decrease of (\$6,907) each year for a total appropriation of \$12,453,315 in FY14 and \$12,460,753 in FY15, which includes:
 1. Regular Salaries/Personal Services Matching decreased by (\$6,907) each year for the transfer of 1 (one) Audit Coordinator position to the Division of Medical Services with appropriation to assist with the Medicaid Healthcare Payment initiative and transfer 1 (one) Procurement Coordinator position from the Division of Children and Family Services with appropriation to assist in the Quality Assurance Audit Section.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Budgeted Positions for FY2013: 173

Total Positions for FY2014: 173

Total Positions for FY2015: 173

Increase(Decrease): (0)

*(1) Position Transferred to Division of Medical Services

* (1) Position Transferred from Division of Children & Family Services

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- PURCHASE OF EVIDENCE: The Chief Counsel can transfer up to \$12,000 to a bank account to be used to purchase evidence in the course of fraud investigations within the Food Stamp program.