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# Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

February 12, 2013  
1:30 PM—4:30 PM  
Webster Hall

## Action Packet

# Committee Meeting Notice

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

**Start Date and Time:** Tuesday, February 12, 2013 01:30 pm  
**End Date and Time:** Tuesday, February 12, 2013 04:30 pm  
**Location:** Webster Hall (212 Knott)  
**Duration:** 3.00 hrs

Agency for Persons with Disabilities Overview

Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs Overview

Department of Children & Families Overview

Update on Substance Abuse & Mental Health Programs and Managing Entities Implementation

**NOTICE FINALIZED on 02/05/2013 15:55 by LAL**

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee**

**2/12/2013 1:30:00PM**

**Location:** Webster Hall (212 Knott)

**Summary:** No Bills Considered

Committee meeting was reported out: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 5:15:44PM

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee**

**2/12/2013 1:30:00PM**

**Location:** Webster Hall (212 Knott)

**Attendance:**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Matt Hudson (Chair)	X		
Jason Brodeur	X		
Janet Cruz	X		
Jose Diaz	X		
Mike Fasano	X		
Matt Gaetz	X		
MaryLynn Magar	X		
Jared Moskowitz	X		
Jose Oliva	X		
Mark Pafford	X		
David Richardson	X		
Elaine Schwartz	X		
John Wood	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Presentation/Workshop/Other Business Appearances:**

APD Overview

Palmer, Barbara (Lobbyist) (State Employee) - Information Only  
Agency for Persons with Disabilities  
4030 Esplanade Way Suite 380  
Tallahassee FL 32399-0700  
Phone: (850)488-1558

DCF Overview/Managing Entities

Wilkins, David (Lobbyist) (State Employee) - Information Only  
Department of Children and Families  
1317 Winewood Blvd  
Tallahassee FL 32399-0700  
Phone: (850) 921-8533

Governor's Budget for APD

Hooper, Margaret (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
FI Development Disabilities Council  
124 Marriott Dr., Ste. 203  
Tallahassee FL 32301  
Phone: 850-921-7263

Managing Entities

Fontaine, Mark (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
Florida Alcohol & Drug Abuse Association, Inc  
2868 Mahan Dr Ste 1  
Tallahassee FL 32308  
Phone: (850)878-2196

Substance Abuse & Mental Health/DCF

Siedlecki, Rob (Lobbyist) (State Employee) - Information Only  
Department of Children  
1317 Winewood Boulevard  
Tallahassee FL 32399-0700  
Phone: (850)414-9063

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Date: February 10, 2013

To: Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

From: Nina Krauthammer  
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Re: APD

I am a parent and guardian of an adult disabled daughter who is receiving med-waiver services through APD since 2010.

I have serious concerns with the ability of our government to handle and ensure the long term health, safety, and meaningful service viability to such a complex and vulnerable population. The Agency has been experimenting with constantly changing delivery models, from an individualized approach, to the development of two different waivers (FSL and DDHCBS), to tiers system, and to the present iBudget. At the same time, constant cost cutting measures have caused significant health and safety challenges to the disabled, elimination of critical services that provided access to community resources, a reduction in provider rates to such an extreme, which precludes service providers from facilitating certain services. The latter is best demonstrated by lowering the companion rate to below minimum wage, and other counterproductive measures on the part of the state and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities exacerbates and convolutes the Medicaid Waiver even further still.

In reality, these desperate actions have resulted in a system plagued with piteous standards, the incapacity of individuals to live in their communities outside of their parents' homes, as well as the inability to plan for the future. All these issues are further exasperated by a total lack of transparency on the part of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

I am very concerned by the fact that during these constant transitions, short-term solutions and mounting unresolved legal challenges to APD, I have not seen any meaningful administrative cost cutting measures. The burden seems to be completely one sided and directly on the disabled population, or achieved through rate reductions to providers. During the last few months I have approached my representative with these concerns and have talked to him about the need to look at other ways to deliver the needed services to our most vulnerable citizens.

I am proposing the creation of an **independent** task force, made up of stake holders who, in turn, will select professionals who will assist in the endeavor to rectify the issues at hand. This task force will be charged with examining ways this population is served across our nation, establishing a basis for realistic budgetary requirements to meet these needs, as well as putting in place a model, founded on **transparent** principles, that will provide a long-term solution, free from constant extreme changes that prevent the implementation of solid solutions that can endure for many years in our communities.

## HCBS Waiver Cost Containment Initiatives

### Total Savings for FY 2011-12 = \$71,052,569

