

**Minutes**  
**Unified Long-Term Care Budget Administration Subcommittee**  
**December 4, 2007**

Attendees: David A. Ellis, Larke Recchie, Joan W. Lawrence, Jana Patchen, Tracy Williams, Barb Petering, Jerry McKee, Gary Cook, Jerry Kithcart, Don Medd, Mike Compton, Hubert Wirtz, Scott Bowers, Kathleen Crampton, Douglas Day, Brenda Finlay, Roland Hornbostel, Maureen Corcoran, David Tramontana, Cristal Thomas, Erika Robbins, Rex Plouck, Angie Bergefurd, Chris Murray.

David A. Ellis, Assistant Director of the Office of Budget and Management and Chair of the Subcommittee, called the meeting to order.

Jerry McKee, ODJFS, gave an overview of the MITS project (see scanned attachment). MITS is designed to replace the existing MMIS system. It will be deployed in phases with phase one deployment scheduled for August, 2009. MITS will be able to do much more than process claims from service providers and thus will be able to support the concepts inherent in a unified budget for long-term care. One module, Atlantes, will support care management and assessments. This module will be deployed as part of phase one.

In response to questions, MITS is developed in .net and will have significant web-based capabilities. Ohio does get the code. Business requirements for MITS have been determined by subject matter experts from ODJFS-OHP. Data can be tied back to OAKS at the line item and object code level. Report writing capability is overlaid on the data and thus MITS will have the functionality of a decision support system/data warehouse.

A draft flowchart illustrating how H.B. 119 envisions the unified budget was presented. Based on the discussion at the meeting, a revised flowchart is attached. The top "legacy" lines from each agency have been consolidated at the top of the flowchart. A diamond has been added to signify that controlling board approval is required before OBM can transfer funds to the new lines created by H.B. 119 (controlling board approval also required by that provision in the budget bill).

Timing of transfers could be either semiannually or quarterly. Transfers would be based on retrospective, actual experience and would also have a predictive aspect tied to policy goals.

It was pointed out that ODADAS was omitted from the schematic (this is because a line was not included for ODADAS in the budget bill).

It was stressed that even with a unified budget, line item budgeting will not go away. Creating transparency for the unified budget will be a major focus of agency reporting. What does change is that funding will now be based on consumer demand.

Other questions in regard to the flowchart: will MITS support this through MFP? Yes. Is “Home First” (which allowed funding transfers for PASSPORT enrollments from nursing facilities) a microcosm of this approach? Yes, but unified budget models must be more predictive. Capacity to support this at the service provider level? That challenge is inherent in the creation of the unified budget.

A compiled issues list was distributed (also attached). The chair stressed that more issues could be forwarded to Roland Hornbostel ([rhornbostel@age.state.oh.us](mailto:rhornbostel@age.state.oh.us)) and there will be a recapitulation of the issues at the next meeting. The subcommittee had a brief discussion of the impact of local levies as in some systems (but not aging) these levies may constitute part of the match for Medicaid.

Erika Robbins, ODJFS, presented an overview of the State Profile Tool (SPT) (see attachment). The SPT is proposed by the agencies to form the basis for the performance goals required by H.B. 119 for the unified budget. While creation of the SPT was initially thought by CMS to be a one-time activity, the proposal is to use the SPT develop a “dashboard” that will measure Ohio’s progress over time. The development of the SPT would be the responsibility of the Executive Medicaid Management Administration (EMMA).

**Next meeting of the administration subcommittee will be held on Thursday January 3, 2008 from 3 to 5 PM at the OBM conference room (Rhodes SOT, 35<sup>th</sup> floor).**

Agenda items include the revised budget flowchart and data on current expenditures for long-term services and supports. Other future meeting dates have been emailed to the committee members.