

PUBLIC HEARING  
On AHS BLOCK GRANT

BLOCK GRANT HEARING PRESENTATION

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Vermont Agency of Human Services,  
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1 (Commencing at approximately 2:00 p.m.)

2 MS. ALLIGOOD: This is the public  
3 hearing on AHS block grants and I am Mary  
4 Ann Alligood, a financial director with  
5 the Vermont Agency of Human Services.  
6 Under federal regulation we must at the  
7 beginning of each federal fiscal year  
8 conduct a public hearing and notification  
9 of that public hearing for these federal  
10 block grants administered by AHS.

11 Today I have with me members from each  
12 department who can address any specific  
13 concerns or questions regarding these  
14 grants. I believe you all received prior  
15 to today's meeting a summary of the block  
16 grants. I should also note that these  
17 block grants and the respective programs  
18 and amounts for the most part were  
19 approved as part of last legislative  
20 session as part of the federal fiscal  
21 year 2015 budget contained in the  
22 Appropriations Act, Act 179 of the Acts  
23 of 2014. Currently, the federal  
24 appropriations bill supporting these  
25 block grants are under review. The

1 estimated allocations remain consistent  
2 with these presentations with the  
3 exception of the Preventive Health Block  
4 Grant which may be eliminated in the  
5 federal appropriations process. Until  
6 enacted into law we will use the known  
7 distribution at this time.

8 At this time if you have any questions  
9 we would be happy to address those  
10 questions and if anyone from the public  
11 is here we would be happy to answer their  
12 questions. If for any reason we don't  
13 have the information readily available to  
14 us, it will be provided to you as soon as  
15 possible. Does anyone have questions?

16 We did get one e-mail from the public.  
17 It is from Mark Redmond of Spectrum VT.  
18 He says, Sherie, I cannot make this  
19 meeting but my statement at the meeting  
20 would have been to advocate that dollars  
21 be allocated in the category of special  
22 services youth at risk. I'm thinking of  
23 our drop-in center which had for many  
24 years received federal run-away and  
25 homeless youth dollars but does not any

1 longer and at the same time for our  
2 transitional living residences which are  
3 in the same situation. I know this is  
4 the case for other drop-in centers for  
5 at-risk youth too and for transitional  
6 living. We have all watched federal  
7 funds dry up. I would greatly appreciate  
8 seeing some SSBG funds allocated for this  
9 purpose. Thanks, Mark. Mark Redmond,  
10 Executive Director, Spectrum Youth and  
11 Family Services.

12 And that was the only comment we had.  
13 So if you'd like we can -- we would just  
14 pause for ten minutes or so and give  
15 people time to come in if they were lost  
16 or at the wrong building on Hurricane  
17 Lane or something.

18 (Recess)

19 MS. ALLIGOOD: It's 2:15 and no one  
20 from the public has arrived and we don't  
21 have any additional questions. So we can  
22 officially consider the meeting closed.  
23 Thank you.

24 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned  
25 at 2:16 p.m.)

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