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PUBLIC HEARING
on AHS BLOCK GRANTS

BLOCK GRANT HEARING PRESENTATION

Held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011,
at the Pavilion Auditorium,
Montpelier, Vermont.

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1 (Commencing at approximately 11:10 a.m.)

2 MR. MERRITT: Good morning all. I'm
3 Allan Merritt. I'm a financial director
4 with the Agency of Human Services
5 Secretary's Office. I am opening this
6 public hearing on AHS Block Grants,
7 September 27th, 2011. We are located in
8 the Pavilion Auditorium, 109 State
9 Street, Montpelier, Vermont. Under
10 federal regulation we must at the
11 beginning of each federal fiscal year
12 conduct public hearing and notification
13 of that public hearing for these Block
14 Grants administered by AHS. This year's
15 hearing was originally scheduled for
16 August 30th, 2011 in Waterbury. Due to
17 severe flooding caused by Tropical Storm
18 Irene, the hearing had to be postponed
19 and re-advertised.

20 Today I have with me members from each
21 department who can address any specific
22 concerns or questions regarding these
23 grants. I believe that you all received
24 prior to today's hearing a summary of the
25 Block Grants. I should also note that

1 these Block Grants and respective
2 programs and amounts for the most part
3 were approved by the last legislative
4 session as part of the fiscal year 2012
5 budget contained in appropriations act,
6 Act 63 of the Acts of 2011.

7 Currently the federal appropriations
8 bill supporting these Block Grants are
9 under review. The estimated allocations
10 remain consistent with these
11 presentations with the exception of
12 LIHEAP and the Preventative Health Block
13 Grants. LIHEAP may be reduced and the
14 preventative self-help services block may
15 be eliminated in the federal
16 appropriation process.

17 The appropriations bills of both
18 houses are currently funded under
19 continuing resolution and will be decided
20 in December. Until enacted into law, we
21 will use an unknown distribution at this
22 time. If there is an increase in federal
23 appropriations, we will request an
24 increase in spending authority and follow
25 existing procedures for notifying

1 authorizing bodies.

2 The Block Grants under consideration
3 are Community Services Block Grant, the
4 Community Mental Health Block Grant, Low
5 Income Home Energy Assistance Program,
6 Maternal Child Health Services Block
7 Grant, Preventive Health and Health
8 Services Block Grant, Substance Abuse
9 Prevention and Treatment Block Grant,
10 State Plan on Aging Under Title III of
11 the Older Americans Act, Social Services
12 Block Grant and the State Council on
13 Developmental Disabilities Grant.

14 At this time if you should have any
15 questions, we would be happy to address
16 those questions. And if anyone in public
17 is here, we would be happy to answer
18 their questions. If for any reason we do
19 not have the information readily
20 available to us, it will be provided to
21 you as soon as possible.

22 Shut down and we'll wait for ten
23 minutes.

24 (Recess)

25 MR. MERRITT: It is 11:25. We have no

1 questions from the public. Therefore,
2 this Block Hearing is closed. Thank you
3 all for coming.

4 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned
5 at 11:25 a.m.)

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