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Family Support Advisory Council

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The Committee of Conference is voting on budget measures that may impact you and your loved ones. If you want to reach out to them, their contact information is below - but act quickly because they are voting this week!

Thank you to our friends at Gateways for pulling together this information:

NH Senate Budget

Last Thursday, the NH Senate approved its version of the NH State Budget.

Starting with the budget proposed by the NH House, the NH Senate budget proposal restores funding to the waitlist, eliminates the 3% Medicaid Rates cut, and allows DHHS to retain \$10m in carry forward dollars to fund subsidies for housing stability (Room and Board). These are all positive for our space.

At the same time, however, the NH Senate budget proposal adds an additional \$5m to the \$46m back of the budget cut to DHHS for a total cut of \$51m over the biennium. Note that for back of the budget cuts, legislators only determine the amount; where the cut is applied is left to the department to decide.

Committee of Conference

As expected, the NH House did not concur with the NH Senate budget proposal. To address this, Senator Sharon Carson (Senate President), and Representative Sherman Packard (House Speaker) have appointed the following legislators to a Committee of Conference to work out a budget compromise:

- **Senate:** Sharon Carson, James Gray, Cindy Rosenwald, Regina Birdsell
- **House:** Kenneth Weyler, Dan McGuire, Joe Sweeney, Jose Cambrils, Mary Jane Wallner, Keith Erf, Erica Layon, Jess Edwards, Jason Osborne, John Janigian

Action to Take:

A Committee of Conference can sometimes reach agreement very quickly, so the sooner you act, the better.

Please consider writing a letter to the Committee of Conference members to reinforce the need to fund the waitlist, eliminate the 3% Medicaid Rates cut, and allow DHHS to retain \$10m in carry forward dollars for housing stability (Room and Board).

All four Senators on the committee are also members of the Senate Finance Committee that helped with the positive changes in the NH Senate budget proposal.

- Senator Sharon Carson - Sharon.Carson@gc.nh.gov
- Senator James Gray - James.Gray@gc.nh.gov
- Senator Cindy Rosenwald - Cindy.Rosenwald@gc.nh.gov
- Senator Regina Birdsell - Regina.Birdsell@gc.nh.gov
- Representative Kenneth Weyler - kweyler@aol.com
- Representative Dan McGuire - Dan.McGuire@gc.nh.gov
- Representative Joe Sweeney - Joe.Sweeney@gc.nh.gov
- Representative Jose Cambrils - Jose4NH@comcast.net
- Representative Mary Jane Wallner - mjwallner@gc.nh.gov
- Representative Keith Erf - Keith.Erf@gc.nh.gov
- Representative Erica Layon - Erica.Layon@gc.nh.gov
- Representative Jess Edwards - jess.edwards@gc.nh.gov
- Representative Jason Osborne - Jason@Osborne4NH.com
- Representative John Janigian - John.Janigian@gc.nh.gov

The content of your letter can be roughly the same as prior letters you wrote for the NH House and NH Senate budget hearings.

We will keep you up to date as the committee of conference proceeds.

Thank you for your advocacy!

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