

Analysis of House Final Budget
May 5, 2009

The House of Representatives recently passed their Fiscal Year 2010 budget and it contained many changes from the House Ways and Means Committee's budget, which was released on April 15th. Many line items which our Jewish service agencies care about were positively affected by the amendment process. This was made possible, in part, because the House raised the sales tax from 5% to 6.25% which is going to generate about \$900M. This allowed the House to add to many areas such as affordable housing, disability services and home care services.

The next step in the process is for the Senate Ways and Means Committee to release their budget. At this point, it appears that Senate Ways and means will release their budget proposal on May 13th and begin debating budget amendments on May 18th.

We will work vigorously over the next couple of weeks to ensure the funding secured in the House budget will be incorporated in the Senate. This will be very difficult because revenues continue to fall daily. In fact, shortly after the House passed its \$28B budget, April tax receipts were reported to be down \$900M below last year. As a result, the Senate budget committee will offer a budget based on fiscal 2010 revenues approximately \$1B lower than the estimates used by Gov. Deval Patrick and the House.

The Senate Chair of Ways and Means, Senator Panagiotakos, has indicated that he will base his committee's budget proposal on a maximum \$18.5B, which will result in more cuts. He has also called economists to the State House tomorrow for an "emergency" hearing on the State's fiscal picture.

Below please find line items that we reported on in our House Ways and Means budget memo that were changed in the amendment process.

Elder Affairs:

- **Community First:** Rep. Sciortino's amendment to provide \$2.5M for Long Term Care Options Counseling (aka pre-admission counseling) was adopted.
- **Prescription Advantage:** This program was funded at \$35M in the House Ways and Means budget, but Rep. Wolf's amendment to add \$10M was adopted, bringing the account up to \$45M.
- **Home Care Services:** \$15M was added to the Home Care Program, bringing the account to \$103,734,283 which is \$1M higher than post-9C level.
- **Protective Services:** An amendment added language ensuring funding for the Money Management Program.

- **Congregate Housing:** Rep. Wolf's amendment to set-aside **\$310,000 for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities** was accepted in the amendment process.

Housing:

- **The Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program** received an additional \$18M in the amendment process, bringing the line item total to \$35,797,061.
- **The Public Housing Operating Subsidy** received an additional \$5M in the amendment process, bringing the line item total to \$71,300,000.

Early Education and Care:

- **Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services:** This line-item was not funded in the House Ways and Means budget. Through the amendment process, the line is now funded at \$1M.

Disability Items:

- **Mental Health Services for Children:** Received a sharp reduction in the House Ways and Means budget. However, Rep. Malia's amendment to add \$3.5M to the line item was accepted, bringing the total for the line-item to 73,138,409.

Please contact Michael or Elana with questions or if there are any items that you do not see on the list.

Budget Process Status

Governor's Budget



House Ways and Means Budget
(Amendments)



House Final Budget



Senate Ways and Means Budget
(Amendments)



Senate Final Budget



Conference Committee Budget



Governor's Vetoes



Legislative Overrides



Final Budget (General Appropriations Act)

Line Items	Conference Committee Report for FY09	Governor's mid-year 9C cuts for FY09	Governor's FY10 Budget	House FY10 Budget
Healthy Families Newborn Home Visiting Line Item 3000-7000	13,192,235.00	12,481,907.00	14,132,264, consolidated with other line items	9,188,407.00
Essential School Health Services Line Item 4590-0250	17,457,134.00	0.00	consolidated with line items 4000-1700 (\$94,393,156) and 4510-2500 (\$52,544,238)	13,715,743.00
Home Care Purchased Services Line item 9110-1630	106,715,568.00	102,747,568.00	199,176,025, consolidated with other line items. Total funding last year for all line items - \$202,552,656	103,734,283.00
Home Care Administration and Case Management Line item 9110-1633	40,368,041.00	37,568,041.00	199,176,025 consolidated with other line items	37,568,041.00
Protective Services (Including Guardianship) Line Item 9110-1636	16,246,087.00	16,246,087.00	16,252,499.00	16,252,499.00
Congregate and Shared Housing for the Elderly Line Item 9100-1660	525,000.00	262,500.00	6361027, consolidated with other line items	2123255, including \$310,000 for NORCs
Mass Rental Voucher Program Line Item 7004-9024/7004-0100	33,047,202.00	33,047,202.00	35,797,061.00	35,797,061.00
Public Housing Operating Subsidy Line Item 7004-9005	66,500,000.00	66,500,000.00	71,150,000.00	71,300,000.00
Alternative Rental Housing Voucher Program Line Item 7004-9030	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Employment services Program Line item 4401-1000	27,220,672.00	24,097,457.00	31,202,410, consolidated with other line items	24,522,308.00

Citizenship for New Americans Line Item 4003-0122	650,000.00	609,050.00	580,787.00	500,000.00
Adult Basic Education Line item 7035-0002	31,176,348.00	30,176,348.00	29,223,195.00	28,085,646.00
Workforce Competitive Trust Fund Line Item 7002-1074	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	6,800,000.00	0.00
DMH Adult Mental Health Services Line item 5046-0000	322,068,305.00	295,920,305.00	363,052,065.00	313,598,387.00
DMH Services for children and adolescents Line Item 5042-5000	76,201,535.00	74,751,535.00	73,138,409.00	73,138,409.00
Community Residential Line Item 5920-2000	569,521,352.00	569,146,352.00	\$852,653,065, consolidated with four other line items - \$45 million has been cut from these items	616,259,640.00
Residential Rate Line Item 5920-2006	2,250,000.00	2,250,000.00	0.00	0.00
DMR Family Support Line Item 5920-3000/5920-2007	55,994,228.00	55,994,228.00	partially transferred to 5920-2000 (\$852,653,065) and partially transferred to 5911-2000 (\$146,869,768)	55,454,715.00
DMR Transition Services Line Item 5920-5000	7,700,000.00	7,700,000.00	7,700,000.00	7,700,000.00
Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services Line Item 3000-6075	2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00	2,900,000.00	1,000,000.00
JVS/Women's Union Career Mentoring Program Line Item 7003-0702	200,000	\$0	0.00	0.00
Direct Care Workers Salaries Line item 4000-0017	23,000,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00
Mentoring Programs Line item 7061-9634	712,000.00	487,000	0.00	0.00