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TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Revised ARRA Funding Request and Alternatives -- Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Supplemental Funding (Agenda Item II)

On September 15, 2010, the Governor submitted several requests to the Committee for the allocation and expenditure of federal funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), which the Committee will address at its September 21 meeting.

Under Agenda Item #2, the Department of Health Services (DHS) requested the Committee to authorize the expenditure of \$2,076,400 in supplemental funding available under the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) initiative to fund grantee mentoring and technical assistance. The DHS request to the Committee was based on the funding amount the agency requested from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

On September 17, 2010, the CDC notified DHS that it had approved Wisconsin's grant application, but that the final award amount would total \$1,805,300, a reduction of \$271,100 to the amount DHS requested. The CDC reduced funding DHS had requested for a contract with the Wisconsin Clearinghouse on Prevention Resources (WCPR) by this amount. Although the activities undertaken by the WCPR are not expected to significantly change, the CDC required DHS to submit, by October 30, a revised budget, a revised budget narrative, and a statement identifying any initially proposed activities that will no longer be pursued.

Page 3 of the LFB paper for this item included a table with the 19-month budget. The following table revises this table with the final approved amounts.

**Proposed 19-month Budget for CPPW Supplemental Funding
By Budget Item, as Approved by the CDC**

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contract with the Wisconsin Clearinghouse	\$1,628,862
Salary and Fringe Benefits, DHS	119,282
Travel, DHS	24,047
Administrative and Other	<u>33,072</u>
Total	\$1,805,263

As the DHS request and LFB memorandum to this Committee on this item were prepared prior to the announcement of the final grant award, the Committee may wish to consider the following alternatives for this item.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the expenditure of \$1,805,300 in 2010-11 from moneys received under the ARRA to conduct mentoring and technical assistance in communities that have received CPPW funds.
2. Approve the request, as described in Alternative 1. In addition, require DHS, no later than 10 days after submitting a revised project budget to the CDC, to submit a letter to the Committee that includes a statement identifying any initially proposed activities that will no longer be pursued.
3. Deny the request.

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