

Timeline On Payments and Budget Communication From Departments

Department of Public Welfare

Office of Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF) - 10/9

- Expecting that all funds including county child welfare and special grants will be transmitted within the week
- OCYF has submitted invoices for previous activity and will reconcile allocations differences in future transmissions
- Request that counties expedite payments to providers

Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) – 10/13

- Payments should be transmitted in 5 to 7 days
- Some payments may be released as early as 10/14
- Drug and Alcohol funding is part of the priority payments to issue

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

- Overall, the agency's budget has been cut about 13% - or \$12.8 million.
- Forestry's general fund appropriation was actually increased slightly (\$239,000). However, the weak timber market has reduced timber revenues by \$18 million. The Department augmented the bureau's budget with \$9 million from the Oil and Gas Fund. The net result is that Forestry's budget is down by more than \$9 million, or 17%.
- The Parks budget was reduced by \$9 million, or 15%.
- General Government Operations was reduced 8%, or \$1.6 million.
- The Forest Pest Management program was reduced \$2.4 million, or 55%.
- The Heritage and Other Parks line item was zeroed out.

- Required to generate \$60 million in revenue from leasing state forest lands for natural gas exploration in the current Fiscal Year, and decisions on the use of future royalty income from gas production on state lands will now be made by the General Assembly, not DCNR.