

**Interim Political Subdivision Taxation
Committee
Representative Jason Dockter,
Chairman**

**Social Services Financing Workgroup
September 13, 2016**

Department of Human Services
Maggie Anderson, Director

**History behind the formation of the
County Social Services Finance
Working Group and an overview of
the working group's activities**

2015 Senate Bill 2206

SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY – SOCIAL SERVICES FINANCE PROGRAM TRANSITION.

1. During the 2015–16 interim, the legislative management shall conduct a study to develop a proposed transition plan for transferring the costs of operating social services programs from county property tax levies to state general fund appropriations.

2. If a county social services finance working group is established, upon request of the legislative management the working group shall report its progress and findings.

The membership of the working group may include:

- a. The director of the department of human services or the director's designee;
- b. The chief financial officer of the department of humans services;
- c. Two members representing elected county officials identified in section 11–10–02 as selected by the North Dakota association of counties;
- d. The tax commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

- e. The director of the office of management and budget or the director's designee;
- f. Two county social services directors selected by the North Dakota county social services directors association; and
- g. One member representing the North Dakota association of counties.

3. Under this section, a proposed transition plan must include a timeline for the major milestones of the transition plan, considerations for the transition, estimated costs, a plan to require a property tax reduction for the amount of the budgeted savings brought about by the transfer of county social services costs to the state, a plan resulting in the elimination of the county social services levy under section 50–06.2–05, and potential legislation to implement recommended changes. The study must include consideration of the feasibility of implementing the proposed transition plan.

4. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty–fifth legislative assembly.

Social Service Finance Working Group

- ▶ Mike Montplaisir – Cass County
- ▶ Randi Suckut – Wells County
- ▶ Kim Jacobson – Trail County
- ▶ Steve Reiser – Dakota Central
- ▶ Terry Traynor, ND Association of Counties
- ▶ Lori Laschkewitsch – OMB
- ▶ Joe Morrissette – Office of the Tax Commissioner
- ▶ Deb McDermott – DHS CFO
- ▶ Maggie Anderson – DHS



Data Collected

- ▶ Actual Expenditures (2014, 2015 and first half of 2016)
 - ▶ 2015 and 2016 Budgets
 - ▶ 2017 Allowable Budget
 - ▶ Caseload information for 2012–2015
 - ▶ County Shared Services for 2015
 - ▶ County-wide Indirect Costs for 2014 and 2015
- Economic Assistance
Medical (MAGI and LTC)
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Child Care Assistance
Foster Care Eligibility
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
- Children and Family Services
Foster Care Case Management
Foster Care Home Licensing
Subsidized Adoption
Child Abuse and Neglect
Family Preservation
Child Care Licensing



Human Services Grant

- ▶ Created by Section 6 of 2015 Senate Bill 2206
- ▶ Eligible Counties
 - Historically levied in 2012, 2013, or 2014 under 50-03
 - Adjacent to or part of an Indian reservation in this state or is the county in which the state hospital is located
- ▶ \$1.9 million appropriated for 2016; and \$2.0 million for 2017.

Human Service Grant Program

Calendar Year 2017

				Awarded	Requested	Awarded
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Adams County	\$54,144.50	\$200,287.50	\$151,987.50	\$135,000.00	\$133,000.00	\$133,000.00
Grant County	\$3,387.20	\$3,460.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,653.87	\$4,653.87
Morton County	\$181,460.67	\$199,983.01	\$449,490.28	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
Ramsey County	\$675,635.34	\$170,446.91	\$591,088.35	\$520,513.00	\$536,128.39	\$520,513.00
Rolette County	\$44,371.00	\$127,533.00	\$142,605.00	\$298,891.00	\$298,891.00	\$298,891.00
Sioux County	\$21,650.00	\$48,281.43	\$49,900.00	\$48,000.00	\$51,400.00	\$51,400.00
Stutsman County	\$119,189.00	\$131,783.00	\$60,277.00	\$131,783.00	\$131,783.00	\$131,783.00
Wells County	\$20,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
	\$1,119,837.71	\$1,031,775.54	\$1,595,348.13	\$1,734,187.00	\$1,755,856.26	\$1,740,240.87