

Family Services Review Commission  
Policy Subcommittee

Minutes  
November 22, 2006  
Self Enhancement, Inc.  
3920 N. Kirby Avenue  
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Meeting started at 9:00 AM

Members Present: Jessica Chanay, Rosemary Lazzari (by phone), Rob Potter, and Michael Ware.

DHS staff present: Dave Lyda (by phone).

**TANF reauthorization policy**

Members reviewed and discussed DHS' draft documents Oregon's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program dated 11/06/06 and Legislative Concepts 722 dated 11/15/06. Members identified a number of questions related to these documents for discussion with DHS staff.

Dave Lyda entered the meeting at approximately 10:00 A.M. Members initiated a review and discussion of the draft Legislative Concepts 722 document with Lyda. Lyda said that a final draft of the document was due on Monday, November 27th. Lazzari noted that in section 3 (2) "father" was used, but it could be mother too. Members recommended that the document be edited for statements related to gender. Lyda agreed. Lazzari noted the 12 month after child birth exemption. There was a discussion about clients with more than one child. Lyda said that in most instances that the client would then exceed the 60 month TANF limit. Chanay noted that there was no discussion about what happens after the 60 month life-time limit has been reached. Lyda discussed that the client is not able to receive continuing benefits, if the client has reached the 60 month limit and has left the program. Potter noted that it was difficult to reconcile the TANF program document to the LC 722 document. Members discussed the difficulty in understanding and identifying where proposed TANF policy information could be found, if it is not in the LC 722 document. For example, "good cause" is not defined in the LC 722. It is defined in the family services manual. Lyda discussed several areas of the LC 722 that DHS wanted to edit by the November 27<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 A.M.