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OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2003 MEETING

President, Lisa Dodge, called the Controlling Board meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. Serving on the Controlling Board were Senator Bill Harris, Representative Charles Calvert, Senator James Carnes, Representative James Hoops, Senator Ray Miller and Representative Sylvester Patton.

Executive Secretary, Vanessa Niekamp, distributed the minutes of the February 24, 2003, meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Senator Harris, seconded by Representative Calvert and approved by the Board members.

Attached is the March 10, 2003, meeting agenda. A motion for blanket approval of all items not held for questions was made by Representative Calvert, seconded by Senator Harris and approved by all Board members.

The following items were discussed and acted upon as stated.

Item 1, AGO221-03, was held by Senator Miller. Senator Miller asked what services will be performed for \$300.00 an hour, and why an Ohio firm was not chosen. Matt Cox, Director of Special Counsel, stated there are only two firms in Ohio with the expertise needed to represent this case. However, both firms have a conflict of interest in regard to this issue. Christopher Carlson, Deputy Director for the Department of Job and Family Services, stated the firm will be performing cost analysis and associated legal work. Senator Miller asked if the firm would represent the state in the event cases are filed against Ohio. Mr. Carlson stated yes. Representative Patton asked if the firm would continue to receive \$300.00 an hour throughout their service. Mr. Carlson stated the same rate would apply. The item was approved without objection.

President Dodge announced it was necessary for Senator Miller to leave early. Therefore, items would be heard out of order to accommodate Senator Millers' holds.

Item 14, AGE013-03 was held by Senator Miller, Representative Hoops, and Representative Patton. Senator Miller asked if enrollment in PASSPORT would be limited. Roland Hornbostel, Deputy Director, stated enrollment would be limited on the basis of the Governors' Executive Order, which imposed a 2.5% reduction. Senator Miller asked how many slots would be available in the upcoming months. Mr. Hornbostel stated there are currently 27,891 slots available. Representative Hoops asked if the state is farther ahead than last year. Mr. Hornbostel stated yes, more clients are on the program and additional federal funds have been secured. Representative Patton asked if the 2.5% reduction would affect the federal reimbursement. Mr. Hornbostel stated no, the federal funds

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are a reimbursement for services already preformed this year. Senator Harris asked if 150 PASSPORT slots would be lost per month, due to the cuts. Mr. Hornbostel stated that would be correct. The item was approved without objection.

Item 17, DEV396-03 was held by Senator Miller. Senator Miller asked how long the workforce policy has been in place. Tom Johnston, Chief Fiscal Officer, stated during the FY02-03 biennium. Senator Miller asked why a study like this, has not already been preformed. Mr. Johnston stated the study is a result of working better together and a change in the board. Senator Miller asked if the contract is being bid. Mr. Johnston stated no; the contract is for \$49,500.00, which is below the threshold. The item was approved without objection.

Item 7, BOR099-03 was held by Representative Hoops. Representative Hoops asked how the request would improve research capabilities. Rich Petrick, Vice Chancellor of Finance, stated the funding would help attract highly skilled and highly successful scientists to Ohio's public and private institutions. The item was approved without objection.

Item 8, ADJ053-03 was held by Senator Harris. Senator Harris released his hold on the request conditioned upon the agency answering his questions in writing, and on providing an explanation of why no agency representative attended the meeting. The item was approved without objection.

Item 12, AGE011-03 was held by Representative Patton. Representative Patton asked why competitive bidding is being waived. Roland Hornbostel, Deputy Director, stated the contract was competitively bid last year and the department believes the vendor did an excellent job. Representative Patton asked how the amount of the contract had been decided. Mr. Hornbostel stated \$600,000.00 is the available funding and there were very few vendors interested in performing the work for the price. Representative Patton asked what the amount the seniors are paid for performing the survey. Mr. Hornbostel stated \$9.00 to \$10.00 an hour, plus benefits. The item was approved without objection.

Item 20, DOH066-03 was held by Senator Carnes. Senator Carnes asked why this vendor was chosen. Sean Keller, Administrator, stated the two lower bids did not meet the criteria stated in the request for proposal. Senator Carnes asked if there is a weighted advantage for an Ohio vendor. Mr. Keller stated no, not in this case. The item was approved without objection.

Item 21, SPA303-03 was held by Senator Harris. Senator Harris asked what the vendor was paid for the services they provided. Andrea Deasy, Acting Director, stated \$3,000.00 was appropriated to educate the Hispanic community on nutrition, exercise and monitoring for diabetes. The item was approved without objection.

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Item 22, DMH341-03 was deferred at the request of the agency.

Item 23, DMR319-03 was deferred at the request of the agency.

Item 24, DNR124-03 was deferred at the request of the agency.

Items 25, DNR356-03 and 26, DNR357-03 were held by Representative Calvert. Representative Calvert asked how the positions would be funded in the next two years. Bill Moody, Assistant Director, stated there are currently sufficient fund balances and the department believes there will be federal funds available in the future. The items were approved without objection.

Item 28, DRC389-03 was held by Senator Carnes. Senator Carnes asked if there is any compensation from the communities that use the treatment facility. David Calhoun, Chief of Construction, stated the Ross Correctional Institution comprises 90% of the capacity of the facility. The other 10% does pay operational costs for the service. The item was approved without objection.

Item 31, DOT187-03 was approved as amended to read: Transportation requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$52,100,000.00 to contract with forty-six consulting firms under fifty-one agreements to provide construction contract plans, bridge inspections, right of way acquisition, construction inspections, asbestos testing, and environmental investigations for various projects.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Niekamp
Controlling Board Executive Secretary

03/10/03 Minutes approved by the Board: