



Legislative Committee 12-07-21

1. Poll on meeting schedule during the holidays: will meet Dec. 14th and then break until Jan. 4th
1. Discussion of Dec. 3rd HHS hearing and Dec. 6th meeting with Sen. Arch
 - a. Impressed with Arch's questions and attention
 - b. Goal is to get Arch and Stinner on the same page
 - c. Arch stated providing him with supportive analytics is very helpful
 - i. Alana emailed him ARPA FMAP 10% spending plan comparisons
 - d. Pressure is needed to make things move quickly
 - e. Don sent Stinner a copy of the OWH article covering the hearing: [Labor shortage disrupts developmental disability services; 2,866 Nebraskans on waiting list | Politics | omaha.com](#)
 - f. Stinner is in town for a roads assessment hearing
 - i. Hearing is 12-08-21 at 1:00pm
 - ii. **Kent will reach out to see if we can get some time with him**
 - iii. A group will already be at the Capitol on the 8th meeting with other Senators (ILC, etc.)
 - g. Would be nice to meet with Stinner and Wishert at same time, but very difficult to get ahold of Wishert
 - h. Region V is meeting with Dorn & Kolterman next Monday
 - i. Kent met with Hilckerman last week
 - j. How do we circle back with Governor's office re: mitigating losses NOW and not waiting for future budget discussions
 - k. Senate reconvenes Jan. 5th
2. Sheri Dawson (Director Tony Green's equivalent for Behavioral Health) is actively working with NABHO (NASP's behavioral health equivalent) to address complications providers are experiencing due to the state employee wage increase – why isn't Tony Green doing the same for DD providers?
 - a. **Alana will reach out to Tony's office and ask this question**
 - b. Here is a list of questions posed to NABHO: [NABHO Questions - Sheri Dawson - Google Docs](#)
3. Need Tony Green to take an official position
 - a. **Alana will reach out to request this in writing**
 - b. Straight up ask 'how do we get more funding'
 - c. While Tony may not be compelled to respond to this request from NASP, he would be if it came from an HHS or Appropriations committee member
4. Points to support our emergency deficit request
 - a. Federal dollars are there (ARPA, BBB) - will not take as much State money now as it would have in the past
 - b. Provider employees are being subsidized in other ways by the State due to low wages: SNAP, Medicaid, Title XX...
 - c. Could be asking for higher – 30% is BSDC wage increase alone, not including 10% margin loss and 5.6% inflation rate
5. Financial Data
 - a. \$43 million was for our original 25.6% ask; 30% would be closer to \$50 million
 - i. **Have Joe Dondlinger confirm and get #s to Kent ASAP**
 - b. Where is the 6.2% Medicaid bump money for real?

- c. Also \$10 million left on the table by state from last year's DD aid budget
- 6. Kent is drafting a bill for DD providers to receive more funding
- 7. Continue to meet with key legislators: [Meetings with Members of Appropriations Committee - NASP - Google Sheets](#)