Department of Health

Governor’s FY 2016 Revised and FY 2017 Budget Recommendations
House Finance Committee
March 23, 2016
Department of Health

- 1 of 4 health and human service agencies under the umbrella of EOHHS
  - Department of Health
  - Department of Human Services
  - Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals
  - Department of Children, Youth & Families
Recommendation reflects reorganization of functions

- Merges Health Laboratories and Office of State Medical Examiners
- New Divisions:
  - Customer services
  - Policy, Information & Communications
- Transfer from Dept. of Human Services
  - Women, Infants, & Children Nutrition Assist. Program
Department of Health

- Programs
  - Central Management
  - Community Health and Equity
  - Environmental Health
  - Health Laboratories & Medical Examiners
  - Customer Services
  - Policy, Information and Communications
  - Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease and Emergency Services
Recommendaion by Program

- Community Health & Equity: 64.9%
- Preparedness, Response, Infectious Disease & Emerg. Serv.: 8.6%
- Policy, Info. & Communications: 1.9%
- Cust. Serv.: 6.8%
- Health Lab. & Medical Ex.: 7.5%
- Environ. Health: 7.2%
- Cent. Mngt.: 3.2%
## FY 2017 Recommendation

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*In millions*
Recommendation by Source

- General Revenues: 16.2%
- Restricted Receipts: 22.3%
- Federal Funds: 61.4%
Salaries & Benefits 34.6%
Contracted Services 5.5%
Other State Operations 31.6%
Assist., Grants, & Benefits 28.2%
Capital 0.1%
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Constrained Request

- Budget Office provided Department with a general revenue target of $24.1 million
  - Includes current service adjustments of $0.2 million
  - 7.5 percent target reduction or $1.9 million
- Constrained request met target
  - Proposed several revenue enhancement initiatives
## Constrained Request

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FY 2016 revised recommendation includes $25.7 million from gen. rev.

- $0.1 million less than enacted
- Major general revenue changes:
  - Software maintenance costs
  - Compounding pharmacies inspection
  - Turnover and statewide medical benefit savings
FY 2016 Governor Revised

- Department received new federal awards subsequent to enacted budget
  - Revised request includes $13.5 million more from federal funds
    - Obesity Prevention
    - Infant and early Childhood Development
    - Ebola Response
    - Historically underspend federal funds
- Recommends $4.3 million more than enacted
  - $9.2 million less than requested
FY 2017 Recommendation

- FY 2017 recommendation includes $26.5 million from general revenues
  - $0.7 million more than enacted
- Major changes include:
  - $0.2 million for two new positions
    - Scene medical investigator
    - Associate director for new Division of Customer Services
  - $0.3 million for other salary & benefit costs
  - $187,000 for Blood Lead Poisoning Prevention
Central Management

- Director’s Office
- Administrative Functions
  - Budgeting/Finance
  - Overall administrative services
Community Service Grants

- Recommends $0.3 million for 8 community service grants
  - Consistent with enacted
- Agencies providing services related to AIDS, hepatitis, and cancer
  - AIDS Care Ocean State
  - Providence Community Health Center
  - Thundermist Health Associations
Indirect Cost Recovery

- Some federal grants allow indirect cost recovery charge on actual amount expended (17.4% for DOH)
- Revenues are based on expenditure of certain federal grants
  - Excludes expenses for sub awards
- In the past, revenue and carry-forward cash balance has exceeded expenditures
- Resulting in significant cash balances
Governor assumes use of $4.2 million for FY 2016 and $4.0 million for FY 2017
- Not all are for central mgmt. expenses
- Salaries and benefits account for 83% for FY 2016 and 85% for FY 2017
- Remaining funds are for operations
  - Software maintenance, IT support and med. supplies for various programs within dept.
- Balance at end of FY 2017 is projected at $0.1 million
Community Health & Equity

- Develop and advocate policies for promoting healthy lifestyles and improving access to primary care
- Reduce, prevent, and control chronic diseases and disabilities
- Perinatal & early childhood health & development
- Provide health, wellness and prevention services
- Eliminate health disparities
Community Health & Equity

- Women, Infants, & Children Nutrition Assistance Program
- Immunizations
- Cancer Screening Programs
- Tobacco Control
- Wise Woman Program
- Minority Health Program
Governor proposes legislation transferring program from DHS to DOH
Health previously administered program
2009 Assembly transferred to DHS
- Consolidate management of nutrition benefit
Issues with U.S. Dept. of Agriculture regarding designation of the administering state agency
- Health departments or comparable agency
Women, Infants, & Children Nutrition Assistance

- Provides supplemental foods, nutrition education and information
  - Eligible women and children under 5

- Budget includes $26.1 million from federal funds and staffing of 13 full-time equivalent positions in Health

- House Finance Hearing on March 3
- Based on a per person enrollment
- Department worked with KidsVax to develop rates
- $20.59 per mth./child and $3.69/mth./adult
  - Support infant and adult immunization programs
- State employees & employees of non-profit hospitals will be included July 1, 2016
- Governor recommends $42.1 million for immunization expenses
Governor recommends $3.1 million for cancer screening programs
- $3.0 million from federal funds and $0.1 million from general revenues
- Works w/ Partnership to Reduce Cancer in RI
- Services are also provided by Hospital Association of RI
  - Maintains state’s cancer registry
  - Statewide surveillance database related to cancer patient population
Tobacco Control

- Tobacco control programs, including cessation and the telephone quit line
- Governor recommends $2.0 million
  - $0.4 million from general rev. and $1.6 million from federal funds
    - $0.3 million more federal funds than enacted
  - Recommendation includes
    - $0.8M for staffing of 6.6 positions
    - $0.5M for cessation, counseling & support services
    - $0.7M for operations: anti-smoking advertising
Wise Woman Program

- 2011 Assembly created state pilot prog. for cardiovascular disease screening
  - Low income, un/under insured women 40-64 years at risk of heart disease, diabetes, stroke
  - Based on federal program with same name
    - 2015 CDC reduced eligibility age from 40 to 30
- RIGL 23-86-1; subject to appropriation
  - Include $60K in both yrs. from gen. rev.
    - $0.9M in FY 2016 & $1.3M in FY 2017 from fed. funds
    - Pilot program expired on 7/1/2014; no extension proposed
Minority Health Program

- Works to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities
  - Assuring that racial & ethnic minority populations have equal access to high quality health services
  - Focusing on health system enhancements & programming related to
    - Disease prevention
    - Health promotion
    - Service delivery
Minority Health Program

- Governor recommends $0.4 million in both years
  - Total funding essentially as enacted
- Support program staff as well as grants to community-based organizations
  - Addresses Department’s 3 leading priorities:
    - Reducing disparities, 
    - Addressing social determinant, and 
    - Assuring access to quality health services
Environmental Health

- Regulation, oversight of health services delivery
- Population-based activities related to environment, safe food and portable water
- Operates licensure and inspection programs to assure minimal standards are met with respect to food, water and radiation sources
Food Protection Program

- Responsible for licensing & regulating more than 7,300 food establishments
  - “farm to table” including restaurants, caterers, food markets, bakeries, food processors, dairy producers, bottlers, bottle beverage plants, and health care facilities
- Conducts inspections and investigates food related disease outbreaks and complaints
# Food Protection Program

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FTE: Full-Time Equivalents
Drinking Water Program

- Responsible for enforcing provisions of Safe Drinking Water Act and state laws relating to safe drinking water
- Regulates nearly 500 public water systems
## Drinking Water Program

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Drinking Water Program

- Recommendation includes $0.5 million from federal funds
  - Fund 5.0 new sanitary engineer positions from existing vacancies
    - Responsible for making field surveys
    - Determine level of pollution
    - Examine reports for proposed sewage & industrial waste treatment plants
  - Will be filled within Department’s authorized level of staffing
Program provides:

- State staff to investigate complaints and inquiries about lead poisoning
- Arrange inspections when elevated blood lead levels are found
- Make referrals for case management

Providence Water Supply Board

- Donated $750,000
- Used from FY 2013-FY 2016
Governor recommends $0.8 million

- $0.2 million from general revenues and $0.6 million from federal funds
  - $0.2 million more than enacted
  - Backfills loss of one-time funding
    - $150,000 to support certified lead centers – case management
    - $25,000 Lead Elimination Surveillance System – track blood levels
    - $12,000 for data analysis
Poison Control Center

- Center provides assistance and medical diagnosis of poisonings
- Receives calls from individuals, hospitals and health care centers
  - Over a decade ago, state joined with Massachusetts
- Governor recommends $0.2 million from general revenues in both years
  - Consistent with enacted budget
State Medical Examiners

To achieve and maintain national standards:

- Investigate and determine manner and circumstance of death
- Certify the cause of death in unnatural cases, sudden and unexpected deaths and deaths which are otherwise unexplained
- Continue education and research program
# State Medical Examiners

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Recommendation includes $2.5 million for salaries and benefits
  - Account for 86 percent of rec. budget
  - Funds a new scene investigator position
    - Fill within existing authorization level

Remaining $0.4 million
  - $0.2 million for contract services, including medical examiners
  - $0.2 million for operating costs
Health Laboratories

- Provides laboratory services to state and municipal agencies, health care providers and individuals
  - Testing for all contagious diseases
  - Analysis of food products, drinking water & wastewater & air for contaminants
  - Public health emergencies
  - Training police officers to administer breath-testing & certification of those instruments
  - Forensics
# Health Laboratories

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Health Laboratories

- $0.2 million less than enacted or $0.3 million less than requested
  - Current service adjustments
  - $0.3 million in additional turnover and statewide medical benefit savings
  - $0.1 million more for operating costs of laboratories
    - Additional maintenance of aging medical equipment
Health Laboratories

- Capital budget includes $2.9 million from Capital Plan funds
  - Establish a Laboratory Medical Equipment Fund
    - Replace and upgrade equipment
    - Equipment are more than 15 years old
    - Some are no longer supported by manufacturer
    - Repair/maintenance costs fluctuate
- Governor does not recommend funding
Customer Services

- New Division from existing programs
  - Professional Licensing
  - Professional Boards & Commissions
  - Vital Records
  - Health Facilities Regulation
- License, investigate & discipline when appropriate health care professionals and facilities
- Recommends $0.2 million to fund an associate director position
Medical Marijuana

- Department currently
  - Accepts, reviews and approves patient and caregiver applications and renewals
  - Compassion Center registration applications
  - Approx. three positions administer the program
    - Funded with $0.3 million from general revenues
Medical Marijuana

- Governor proposes in Art. 14 (Hearing Scheduled March 29)
  - Restructure medical marijuana regulation system
  - Department of Health
    - Continue to license patients
    - Licensing authorized marijuana purchasers/on behalf of a registered patient
    - Retain a fee for registration/renewal
    - Budget includes $0.4 million
- Business Regulation will be responsible for licensing caregivers & compassion centers
Vital Records Program

- Responsible for statewide vital records system involving
  - Births
  - Marriages/civil unions
  - Deaths and fetal deaths
- Provides services to the public
  - Certified copies of vital records, corrections/authorization to a vital record
  - Hospital voluntary affidavit of paternities
Vital Records Program

- Vital Records Infrastructure Upgrade – Requested $2.5 million from IT Fund
  - New modules for vital records system
    - Death registration
    - Marriage/civil union
    - Induced termination of pregnancy data collection, and
  - Secure a facility to protect records from fire and water damage
- Governor does not recommend funding
Policy, Information and Communications

- New Division with existing programs
  - Public Health Communications
  - Health Data and Analysis
  - Public Health Information
  - Health Systems Policy and Regulation
  - Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
  - Establish Office of the Associate Director
    - Provide policy direction and operational oversight and coordination
Policy, Information and Communications

- Requested $0.2 million from gen. rev. to fund 2.0 public health specialists
  - 1.5 FTE would be dedicated to regulations
    - Currently 0.6 FTE is dedicated
      - Maintains & updates more than 129 sets of regulations
      - Assure compliance with changing legislative and statutory mandates
  - 0.5 FTE - constituent services
- Governor does not recommend new positions
Preparedness, Response, Inf. Disease & Emergency Serv.

- Report on incidence of infectious diseases
- Public & health professional education
- Surveillance & prevention of key diseases
- Control of disease outbreaks
- Targeted prevention strategies for at risk groups
- Administer & manage state info. for National Disease Surveillance System
Include following programs:

- Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response
  - Ebola Response
- Emergency Medical Services
- Infectious Disease
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Tuberculosis
In 2014, Dept. submitted request to CDC for Ebola response related activities

- Training, precaution supplies, travel & public outreach expenses
- Hospital preparedness
- Was awarded a total of $3.8 million

Governor assumes use of $2.6 million
- $1.4 million in FY 2016 & $1.2 million in FY 2017
Federal bioterrorism funds to operate Center for Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Help hospitals & healthcare entities plan for, respond to, & recover from mass casualty events
- Grants to cities & towns to enhance emergency response preparedness
- Governor recommends $6.5 million in both FY 2016 and FY 2017
Prevention and surveillance functions and tasks of the HIV/AIDS program

- Recommends $2.6 million from fed. funds
  - $1.4 million less than enacted from federal funds
    - Depletion of federal fund
- Department funds HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention services and treatment services initiatives
  - Educating teachers who teach sex ed. classes
  - Community outreach programs
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