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TO: Dee F. Bruemmer

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RE: Risk Pool Application

As you are aware, SF209 appropriated additional money for counties with waiting lists for MH/DD services. The distribution language for the Risk Pool funds was in HF697 (Omnibus Budget bill). The Senate developed new budget bills and the Risk Pool distribution language was removed. DHS and ISAC are watching the remaining budget bills as they evolve to ensure the Risk Pool distribution language gets included. DHS has notified the counties of the "proposed rules and requirements" for Risk Pool distribution.

There are two requirements in order to apply for Risk Pool:

1. A county must have a waiting list as of 4/21/11.
2. The Risk Pool Board must receive the application on or before July 1, 2011 or within 10 days of the enactment date.

There are a number of items that must be included in the application:

1. A declaration that a county can't provide services in accordance with the county management plan and remain in compliance with the 99% budgeting requirement.
2. An accounting of each person on the waiting list- date placed on the list, services needed, projected cost of each service and total cost for all services per person.
3. A signed statement from the Board Chairperson certifying the persons for whom funding is provided through Risk Pool will not be placed on a wait list for services through June 30, 2012.

The Risk Pool Board will issue decisions within 15 working days. The funds will be distributed within 15 days working days of the Risk Pool Board's decision. If there is money remaining after the first round of applications, there will be a second application process and distribution. There is currently \$1.3 million in Risk Pool from counties who rebated/paid back money. The rebate money from FY11 will go to the Risk Pool, not into Allowed Growth as in the previous year. Risk Pool funds not spent by November 1, 2012 for services provided in FY12 will be paid back to DHS by November 30, 2012.

Because of the unknown factors related to the current Legislative Session and the timing of the application, I will have a short period of time to complete and submit the application. I am requesting that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be given the authority to sign the Risk Pool application and letter certifying that Scott County will not put consumers utilizing Risk Pool funds back on a waiting list through June 30, 2012. This will allow me to submit the application and required information by the deadline without delay.

I will be available at the Committee of the Whole to answer questions if needed.