EXHIBIT 4
DATE 2-9-07
HB 2

Executive Action Wrap Up – February 7 through 9

General

1. Does the subcommittee wish to provide direction on priority groups if HIFA waiver is not approved as requested or if federal reauthorization for CHIP adds additional federal funds to the Montana grant.

Overall

2. Use of tobacco settlement funds and tobacco settlement trust interest income

3. Does the subcommittee want LFD staff to move funding from MSH to STEP in the budget system?

AMDD

4. Does Subcommittee wish to include all of the general fund appropriated for MHSP in the line item for MHSP – base expenditures and increase?

HRD

5. Appropriation request for the Pharmassist Program is $362,071 in FY 2008 and $334,052 in FY 2009 from I-149 funds.

IGT

6. Direction from subcommittee
    a. Current HB 2 language: County Nursing Home Intergovernmental Transfer may be used only to make one-time payments to nursing homes based on the number of medicaid services provided. State special revenue for County Nursing Home Intergovernmental Transfer may be expended only after the office of budget and program planning has certified that the department has received at least $1.6 million each year from counties participating in the intergovernmental transfer program for nursing homes.
    b. Add on language to say that:
        i. If federal regulations are promulgated to prohibit the use of county funds for non federal Medicaid match for nursing home and home based services, then funds in IGT Offset may be used as the state medicaid match, with $1,000,000 appropriated to home based services and $600,000 appropriated to nursing home services. If federal regulations continue to allow the use of county funds for the non federal Medicaid match for nursing home and home based services, then funds in IGT Offset are appropriated as follows: $600,000 for public health services, and $1,000,000 to serve children who transition from federal Part C services and who do not have access to other education or specialized services.

Senior and Long Term Care

7. DP 22904 – Personal Needs Increase did not include federal Medicaid match funds. DPHHS is requesting that those funds be added – about - $560,000 over the biennium.

8. There is an issue in nursing home funding related to I-149 funds that should be used as Medicaid match (DP 22218 – Annualize Nursing Home Direct Care Wage). The request includes a funding shift from general fund to 1-149. However, the amount of I-149 is too low by about $2 million over the biennium. LFD and DPHHS staffs need to meet to determine correct caseload funding for nursing homes.