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For review on Nov 16, 2023

Dear Director Brereton,

At the September 12, 2023 meeting of the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee (CFHHS), the department stated it plans to use a single statewide contractor to oversee both the TANF Pathways program and the SNAP Employment and Training program. These programs are currently provided by several organizations that serve and engage TANF and SNAP clients in their own communities; the statewide contractor may enter subcontracts with these smaller, local providers.

Our committee is interested in working with the department to explore legislative solutions that will keep local community providers involved in both TANF Pathways and SNAP Employment and Training. We also intend to follow the transition to a single contractor. We ask that you please respond in writing to the questions below by January 8, ten days prior to our meeting on January 18.

1. How will the department monitor and measure the outcomes of this contractor, and compare it to the outcomes achieved by multiple providers?
2. How will the department monitor, measure, and compare the outcomes of in-person and virtual services?
3. Will the department encourage the statewide contractor to enter into subcontracts with local providers? If so, how?

Thank you for sharing information with the committee.

Sincerely,

Sen. Dennis Lenz, Chair

Rep. SJ Howell, Vice Chair