

Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, January 14, 2022 10:00 AM Mountain

Zoom
525 Camino De Los Marquez
Suite 250
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Floyd Archuleta	Present
Rebecca Estrada:	Present
Rudy Garcia:	Present
Vince Howell:	Present
Sean Medrano:	Absent
Jolene Nelson	Present
Jon Paul Romero:	Present
Joseph Weathers:	Present

Present:7, Absent:1.

Also in attendance: NALWDB Staff: Lisa Ortiz – Executive Director, Barney Trujillo – Operations Manager, Kevin Boyar – Program/Policy Monitor, Amber Gomez – Project Specialist/Communications **Guests:** Deputy Secretary Yolanda Montoya-Cordova, Veronica Alonzo - DWS, Margarito Aragon – DWS, Christina Garcia-Tenorio – DWS, Eric Vasquez – One-Stop Operator, Jessica Hudson – One-Stop Operator Assistant, Teresa Quintana – HELP NM, Irene Panlilio – HELP NM, Evangeline Touchine – HELP NM, Ericka Van Eckhoutte – HELP NM, Rick Sandoval – Zlotnick Sandoval, Keith Serensen – Zlotnick & Sandoval

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03AM by Chairman Joseph Weathers.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Before rollcall Amber announced for the record that Jolene Nelson had joined the meeting at 10:06AM.

Roll Call was done by NALWDB Project Specialist/Communications, Amber Gomez, who indicated that a quorum was present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, was made by Vince Howell, seconded by Floyd Archuleta, and passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the 11/12/21 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. This motion was made by Rudy Garcia, seconded by Floyd Archuleta, and passed by majority vote 6 Yays.

6. Action Items

6.1 Dislocated Worker Transfer of Funds

Madam Executive Director informed the committee that before discussing the Dislocated Worker transfer of funds she would like to explain each funding source within the program. She wanted the committee to know what's available and what HELP New Mexico anticipates spending by March 31, so that we can stay within our 40% expended and 80% obligated. Madam Executive Director stated that, our current youth funding available is \$2,037,414 and HELP NM is projecting to spend \$1,311,000 by March 31, leaving a remaining balance of \$643,000. Under the dislocated worker funds there is about \$3.9 million that needs to be expended by March 31. She added that, there's a transfer request of \$1.5 million, which leaves about 2.4 million in dislocated worker funds. HELP NM is projecting to spend \$1.1 million through March 31. After those projections and transfer, there will be a balance of \$1.2 million in dislocated worker funds. Under adult funding, after our transfer of funds that we anticipate approval there will be \$923,000 available for adult, leaving a balance of about \$2.4 million in adult funding to spend. If the transfer is approved, there's about \$1.1 million ready to be expended. Madam Executive Director stated that they are estimating a budget of \$6 million going into the new grant. However, our main focus right now is spending those funds in PY20 FY21. She then shared the northern board allotment spreadsheet which was based off the spreadsheet shown during the discussion with the State the day before. She added that currently there are some requests that are expended and waiting to be processed. Based on our projections most of our PY 20 money will be spent and the funding that we anticipate through June 30 will all be expended today. As for FY 21, the adult money has been completely expended according to our fiscal agent. For PY 21, we're project on spending \$501,266 through March 31st, leaving a remaining balance of \$643,000 that could possibly be spent from April-June. Under adult funding we have \$237,000 and we have requested \$32,000. She added that our fiscal agent has mentioned that we have spent, but not yet requested \$204,000 leaving a zero balance. Under dislocated worker, there's \$381,000 available. Going into FY 22, in our adult funding 1.1 million, with a request pending for \$396,364, leaving a balance remaining of \$913,350. She added, from yesterday's discussion, and based off what our fiscal agent has provided, we did have a discrepancy under adult we show that those funds are fully expended FY21.

Madam Executive Director asked Madam Deputy Secretary if she would like to speak on what was discussed yesterday or share any additional information.

Madam Deputy Secretary expressed her appreciation for the information being presented in the table. She added that the table helps display how the money is received and allocated. She stated that they're trying to help the Board reach projections. According to the contract and the grant agreement with the Board, there's an expectation to have FY 22 funds and there's still some balances that are coming in. Shew explained that last year the Board should have been at 80%, however, money was carried over and the Board started the current fiscal year at 100%. It can be difficult to expend extra money especially during a pandemic and a new provider. Madam Deputy Secretary informed the committee that we're halfway through the year and there's still a significant balance left. She expressed that they want to make sure that these funds are expended and not reverted to the federal government. If the federal government were to recapture these funds, they would reduce the overall amount that comes into the state, which would affect the entire system. She stated that it's great that HELP NM has a plan to utilize some of the funds. However, she has concern about the PY21 FY22 funds getting obligated 80%. She added that the Eastern Board have completely exhausted their funds and

will be put on a waiting list. The Eastern Board receives the least amount of funding in the entire state. She recommended that they take some of the funds from the Northern Board and reallocate them to the Eastern Area in an effort to continue to support the citizens of New Mexico. She also stated that they would be willing to negotiate the amount.

Rudy Garcia thanked Madam Deputy Secretary and asked her what the Eastern Board is doing that we're not?

Madam Deputy Secretary informed Mr. Garcia that the Eastern Board gets a significantly reduced amount from what the Northern Board receives because they don't have the population that the North has. Therefore it's always been harder for them because they usually get an annual allotment of about 3.2 - 4.5 million. She added that recently the Eastern Board has had difficulty getting outreach for their youth program. They've been very strategic with their provider, in terms of how they executed their outreach. They've also been doing co-enrollment with the RESEA program.

Mr. Aragon added that the Eastern Board has provided a pipeline for dislocated workers and adults into those programs to expend those funds. There's an increase of about 160% in the number of dislocated workers that they've enrolled year over year.

Madam Deputy Secretary added, the Eastern Board had an intentional strategy that had a difficult application to that process. She added that they partnered with their agency and employment services, to actually be the ones that were going to sort of jumpstart that project and that demonstration, because they were struggling with their dislocated worker population. Madam Deputy Secretary added that they also added the East into their national dislocated worker grant and they're currently waiting on a modification. With the additional funds, it'll help them get through this fiscal year. She added that, next year there might not be extra money available and they're trying to keep that pipeline moving so that they don't lose momentum on individuals that are dislocated.

Mr. Garcia asked if there was a specific industry in their area in need of employment that may have helped them get the money quickly.

Mr. Aragon informed Mr. Garcia that the speed in which they spent their funds had a lot to do with their partnership with RESEA. He explained, RESEA required to have at least two sessions. In every region, Wagner Peyser ran those sessions and they worked with a referral to Title I if that individual was interested in Title I. Their Title I case managers were cross-trained with Title III case managers to provide the RESEA trainings and the Title III case managers were trained to do basic Title I application. Because they Title I and Title III were sharing the work, every RESEA individual claimant was automatically enrolled in dislocated worker eligibility. This makes the process easier for the Title I staff because they have a better understanding of the programs and can place individuals where they fit best.

Madam Deputy Secretary added that, she believes that the Eastern Board was in a good position to implement that kind of infrastructure. The East has very seasoned employment services managers and a director who's been with the program for a long time and thoroughly understands the policies and the procedures. Madam Deputy Secretary mentioned that they want to get the Northern Board to that point to be engaged in a similar type of program. However, they feel that they still need to develop some capacity with the provider and the Board staff. Therefore, if it's implemented, it's implemented with fidelity and integrity, so that

we don't run into disallowed costs or other concerns. She added, when looking at the Eastern Boards training costs, there's been a huge focused on healthcare, general management, and the oil/gas industry. They also focused on training, other sectors, people in need of returning to the workforce and areas to place them. She stated that Eastern Board also started up a new apprenticeship program that was done through a partnership with their office. One was focused on automotive, and another was focused with Public Works management.

Veronica Alonzo stated that they have also been focusing on the construction industry such as plumbing and electrical. Another target industry that the East did was education.

Eric Vasquez made a comment on the discussion about the collaboration between the Title I and Title III staff. He stated that, in the north there has been a noticeable improvement this past year in the collaboration with staff, particularly in the Santa Fe office. He added that if funds are moved, it's not because of a lack in collaboration.

Madam Deputy Secretary assured Eric that the transfer of funds has nothing to do with the staff's collaboration. She added that, they understand that due to the pandemic there has been a lot of factors that the workforce boards had no control of. There has been a significant slowdown and being that the Northern Board has a new provider, it takes time to develop a good rhythm. and get through all of the enrollment process and align it with the money and the educational institutions.

Mr. Vasquez expressed that he's very pleased with the way the partners are working together and how they're collaborating, and he just wanted to make sure that they have the resources they need to continue the rest of this year.

Madam Deputy Secretary assured Mr. Vasquez that they will have the resources they need because according to the PY 21 and FY 22 budget, there's still quite a bit available. She added that this money should be obligated by March. However, the funds won't be obligated by March because, there's still funds from PY20 FY21 that needs to be spent down. There's \$1.6 million available in dislocated worker funds and money that's still available in adult. Madam Deputy Secretary added on July 1 they're going to give the Board another pot of money of about \$5 million. She explained that there are trying to negotiate with the Board an amount to recapture and transfer to the Eastern Board while helping the Northern Board avoid rolling these huge amounts into the new fiscal year.

Madam Executive Director added that we have a transfer that is pending of about \$1.5 million, we do have about 877 adults that are waiting to be served. Which comes out to approximately \$1.1 million that we can spend for adult services.

Chairman Weathers expressed his understanding for the need to give money to the Eastern Board which would allow them time to spend it. He then asked Madam Deputy Secretary if doing so would leave the Northern Board with a bare budget?

Madam Deputy Secretary Informed Chairman Weathers that by sending money to the Eastern Board it won't leave the Northern Board with a bare budget because if they take the money there will still be about \$2 million in dislocated Worker funds available in PY21.

Madam Executive Director added that we have 877 adult participants waiting to be served right now.

Madam Deputy Secretary advised Madam Executive Director to start serving customers now because there's money available having to do a transfer.

Madam Executive Director added that HELP NM can justify the 877 clients with a cost of \$1.1 million.

Madam Deputy Secretary stated, the Northern Board has \$913,000 and about \$2 million in Dislocated Worker funds. If the Board decided to transfer \$1 million of that to adult, that would leave an available balance of approximately \$1.9 million to serve those customers.

Mr. Aragon stated, if the Board took the FY 22 Adult \$900,000 and transferred the PY 21 \$381,000 Dislocated Worker into Adult that would leave a balance over the \$1.1 million and leave \$1.6 million to use over the next few months.

Chairman Weathers asked Madam Deputy Secretary if giving away \$500,000 opposed to the \$700,000-\$900,000 would be more appropriate?

Madam Deputy Secretary stated that she feels that \$750,000 would be a reasonable amount. She mentioned that giving these funds to the Eastern Board won't look bad on Northern Board because it's better to negotiate now and have good fiscal practice/policy, then waiting until March. She stated, if the Board decided to wait until March, they would be in the same situation going forward because the money would be redistributed between the boards and the North will have addition funds that they need to spend which could affect their metrics.

Mr. Trujillo asked Amber Gomez to share the document he provided her with a simple breakdown of all of the numbers.

Rebecca Estrada asked Madam Deputy Secretary if the committee approves this transfer, will this action affect future money to the Board?

Madam Deputy Secretary informed Rebecca that transferring this money will not penalize the Board in any way for future projections, because the way that the money is allocated is all formula driven by the feds, so that that allocation would continue to be at the same rate.

Barney Trujillo briefly went over the simplified document he requested to share with the committee. He stated current funding for youth is \$2 million and according to HELP NM \$1.3 million needs to be expended by March 31. That leaves a remaining balance of \$643,000 in youth funds. He mentioned that since the enrollment for youth has been changed to a 50/50 split, and about half a million carryover, which will make the enrollment process easier for HELP NM staff. Under dislocated worker funds, there's almost \$4 million available. However, \$1.1 million needs to be expended by March 31. If there's a transfer request for \$1.5 million, that will leave a balance of \$2,443,000. According to HELP NM their current projection for dislocated worker is \$1.1 million through March 31. Which would leave a balance of \$1,000,262 for dislocated worker. Under adult funding there is \$923,000 currently available. He added that historically the Board has always struggled with not having enough funds under adult. If there is a budget transfer, it will leave a remaining budget of \$2.5 million and HELP NM is saying that they have \$1.1 of that money spent. Mr. Trujillo stated that going into the new year, they're estimating a budget of about \$6 million. Currently \$6 million is a healthy budget, however, each year we carry over the budget is going to shrink. As the Operation Manager he recommended continuing to fulfill the obligation of spending these funds within the Northern Area and consider the fact that help is estimating that they will

cover our obligation by March 31. He expressed that he understands Deputy Secretary's concern that by doing so it could look negative on the North down the road. However, it's important to keep in mind the future budget and how we will operate within the regions.

Mr. Aragon agreed with Mr. Trujillo to an extent. He stated that looking at the numbers in a simplified format paints a clearer picture. He expressed his concern about HELP NM projecting non-actualized participants. He explained that a more accurate waitlist would include participants that have already been determined eligible and have all of their paperwork complete. One of the issues they've seen with "wish list" participants is that they don't materialize which leaves the Board with access money because they don't spend the projected funds for these participants.

Madam Deputy Secretary stated that they're not making that statement to discredit HELP NM. She explained, all of the boards end up with this kind of scenario, because they project a number of participants, and it becomes a trend. For example, the Southwest board really struggled with this initially when they transition to their new provider, because they would project a certain number of participants and it didn't materialize. Madam Deputy Secretary assured Barney that she hears what he's saying about needing a budget of about \$6 million as an operating budget. She stated after looking at the numbers there should be over \$5 million available which is close to the \$6 million. She stated that there is an employment crisis statewide and there's a lot of people that need service and assistance now. One of the major push from the Governor's office is, Let's do everything we can right now so that we can meet the demands of employers, and we can make sure that we can get our economy going. She proposed that they take the \$700,000 or there's a negotiation for the \$700,000 so that we can assist the Eastern Area and the citizens of our state. She added that, they will put the money to work in a way that is going to help our state as a whole in an area that is struggling right now. She expressed her concern if the Northern Board decided not to transfer the money, either way they will take back the funds in March.

Chairman Weathers stated most individuals in the Northern Region is willing to help a neighbor if they ask. He then expressed his understanding of what's being requested and made a counteroffer of giving up \$631,000 at this point, and if there's still more money remaining, March 31 they can take the remaining?

Madam Deputy Secretary agreed to negotiating the amount. She suggested rounding up to 635,000. She then asked Mr. Aragon and Mrs. Alonzo if this amount would be a good start even though it's not the requested amount.

Mr. Aragon stated that the East would appreciate any amount they receive.

Chairman Weathers asked if they could explain the administrative funds left from PY20.

Madam Deputy Secretary stated, looking at PY 20. FY 21 balances, Lisa has projected balance of \$760,000 through March. She added that they're negotiating 635,000 which will leave a balance of \$130,000 that needs to be expended. Additionally, there's \$381,000 in PY 21 and \$1.6 million in FY 22 that's available to spend as well. Madam Deputy Secretary informed the committee, if there are still balances on March 31st in PY 21 and FY 22 will be reverted to the state.

Vince Howell asked to hear from HELP NM on their confidence level in regard to expenditures of both fiscal years.

Teresa Quintana thanked Chairman Weathers and Madam Deputy Secretary. She expressed her appreciation to everyone's passion for this circumstance. She added that she believed that the reluctance coming from the committee is because they don't want money out of their communities, because that is who they represent. She applauded the board members for advocating for the funds that are available.

Madam Deputy Secretary informed the committee that she has another meeting that she must attend.

Rudy Garcia asked if it was possible to schedule a special meeting on Monday or if this action item needs to be approved today?

Madam Executive Director informed Mr. Garcia that they would like the approval for the transfer. However, the negotiation of funds is up to the Chairman.

Chairman Weathers expressed his appreciation for Madam Deputy Secretary time. He then stated that, this action item must be decided on today. Chairman Weathers asked if there were any concerns from the State on transferring the \$1.5 million in dislocated worker funds to adult.

Mr. Aragon stated, with that transfer request, it needs to include a justification. There is a policy that says how to request the transfer, there has to be a justification for the money and a justification how the dislocated workers will be served minus that money. He explained that the justification is a big factor on whether the transfer request is approved and if it will be a full approval, or partial.

Madam Deputy Secretary addressed Madam Executive Directors concern of not having money available in adult. She stated, looking the 21 and 22 balances there is \$913,000. She recommended transferring \$381,000 which will bring the amount fairly close to what HELP is projecting and still leave \$1.6 million in funds for dislocated worker.

Madam Deputy Secretary expressed that she'd love to stay for the rest of the meeting however she must go.

Teresa Quintana expressed her appreciation for Madam Deputy Secretary's time.

Chairman Weathers asked Mr. Aragon to repeat the transfer amount suggested by Madam Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Aragon stated, the request would be for the transfer of \$381,073 in PY 21 dislocated worker funds into adult. And then the \$900,000 in FY 22 and the remaining balance of \$9,000 in adult FY 21 would provide HELP NM with just over the \$1.1 million they're projecting in adult.

Chairman Weathers asked if this would allow us to carry over a balance into to the next fiscal year.

Mr. Aragon stated, when talking about these pots of money, it's important to talk about them as individual pots. For example, you would be able to carry over youth, you'd be able to carry over dislocated worker, but you would not have any carryover in adult funds.

Chairman Weathers mentioned that adult is always our greatest need.

Mr. Aragon mentioned that there will be \$1.6 million in FT22 dislocated worker funds available and if it's necessary a transfer request from dislocated worker to adult can take place.

Chairman Weathers asked Madam Executive Director if she agreed with that?

Madam Executive Director indicated that she was ok with the amounts discussed to transfer from dislocated worker to adult.

Chairman Weathers asked Mr. Aragon if we need to reduce the \$1.5 million to request the \$381,073

Mr. Aragon stated yes, that would get you that would be what you need to fulfill the 1.1 obligation that HELP NM is indicating.

Madam Executive Director stated that HELP NM has requested 1.5 and asked if Teresa could continue explaining their reasoning for the request.

Teresa Quintana thanked Chairman Weathers and Madam Executive Director. She mentioned that Ericka and Evangeline will speak about the need in the communities. She stated that they are requesting \$1.5 million to serve 877 adults. She understands the States confidence issues with HELP NM materializing numbers. She explained that they don't inflate their numbers and have no control whether an individual will finish the program or show up to their meetings. She added that they have weekly meetings with staff and currently Ericka is Northern College enrolling individuals and was at SFCC yesterday doing the same. Ms. Quintana informed the committee that HELP NM has a very solid plan in place that has already been implemented. She explained the reason why they're requesting the \$1.5 million is because they currently have a list of individuals that are being set up with appointments. She is confident that they will materialize the additional funds to provide those support services because they gave an estimate of the actual participants and the cost for the program that they're going to give to whether that's customized trainings or ITAS. She stated that they need the additional funds to be able to support that in addition to any adult requests that might come in for supportive services. Ms. Quintana added that the Board has asked them to be present in all of our rural communities. They've opened offices in Colfax, Mora, and Grants. They have also met performance in every way possible and each time the Board has presented them with a challenge HELP NM has responded in a positive way, and they've executed as best as possible.

Mr. Aragon Mags commented, the \$1.1million is for individuals currently being enrolled and the \$1.5 million request is to cover any expected or potential support services that may arise from that. He assumed that the \$1.1 million is the estimated ETPL costs for the training. Mr. Aragon informed HELP NM that if they enrolled those individuals and got the actual cost, then the transfer would be approved immediately.

Teresa expressed her concern of spending money that hasn't been approved. She asked Mr. Aragon if they should proceed with enrolling those participants if the transfer will indeed be approved.

Mr. Aragon informed Ms. Quintana, if HELP NM presents them with a list of participants and their costs, and Rick presents us a reconciliation to the current funds that are available to the board, and adult is lacking, that is a justification for the transfer of adult to dislocated worker or dislocated worker into the adult and that would be approved because that's demonstrating that there is a need.

Chairman Weathers asked Mr. Aragon if HELP NM shows the need, the transfer won't be delayed or withheld.

Mr. Aragon informed Chairman Weathers that, if HELP NM shows a need, the transfer will go through. He stressed that it's important that these participants are enrolled, have their paperwork complete, and are determined eligible to show that there is an actual need.

Chairman Weathers asked what the timeline is because the most important thing is serving participants.

Mr. Aragon mentioned that during yesterday's meeting Veronica suggested a plan with the new semester starting.

Mr. Aragon informed the committee of the plan Veronica suggested during yesterday's meeting. Since the semester is starting, she recommended working on enrolling as many eligible ITAs as possible to determine a projected supportive service cost, then work on OJTs and TJs. Then work on customized training contracts or incumbent worker contracts with employers. If HELP NM can get all that done by the end of the month and participants are showing up and HELP NM has an actual dollar amount, they can submit a request for a transfer. He stated, according to the State's policy for transfer requests, the state has two weeks to respond.

Chairman Weathers asked Madam Executive Director if she was comfortable with this

Madam Executive Director responded yes to Chairman Weathers.

Chairman Weathers asked if we're asking for \$381,071

Madam Executive Director informed Chairman Weathers that he was correct

Mr. Aragon informed Chairman Weathers, based on today's conversation, and what Yolanda was saying, that'll be approved rather quickly to cover that 1.1.

Chairman Weathers stated that although this had been a difficult decision for everyone negotiations need to happen, and we need to look at this situation from different points of view.

Vince Howell asked Teresa for her opinion in regard to the transfer to the East. He asked if there is enough money available in the Dislocated Worker funds if the transfer is approved.

Ms. Quintana informed Mr. Howell that HELP NM can't answer his question at this time because they would need to look at the numbers.

Mr. Howell asked Madam Executive Directors opinion in regard to the Dislocated Worker funds?

Madam Executive Director expressed that she doesn't want to give any funds away from the North and is disappointed that this is in consideration. She understands that the East is in need of additional funds however, she believes that HELP NM can spend those funds that they have projected.

Mr. Trujillo stated, the Board has \$900,000 and there will be a transfer of \$300,000 which will give us the \$1.1 million for HELP NM. However, there will be a zero balance in Adult after that transfer

Veronica Alonzo agreed with Mr. Trujillo, if that transfer is done, and the projected expenses are expended, it could leave a zero balance. She added, there is still an opportunity in the Boards FY22 dislocated worker funds to do another transfer request to continue serving adults for the remainder of the program.

Rebecca Estrada stated, given that there's an opportunity to do a transfer and understanding that in July the Board will receive another \$5 million. She feels that we should be good stewards of the federal fund and good neighbors to our partner boards.

Barney Trujillo explained that yes, the Board will receive \$5 million. However only \$1.1 million goes into the adult pot of money.

Ms. Estrada stated that she understands that the total budget will be \$5 million.

Chairman Weathers asked how much money the Board will receive next year for dislocated worker.

Mr. Aragon replied, the amount will be comparable to the amount the Board got this year.

Chairman Weathers asked Madam Executive Director and Mr. Trujillo if they had any additional comments or concerns.

Barney Trujillo stated that the current staff inherited the issues left behind from the previous administrative staff and service provider including the excess funds. Currently we have an effective service provider who has a plan to expend those funds and is very comfortable with their projections. He reiterated that making this transfer will affect the Boards future funds and it's imperative that the Board has a budget of at least \$6 million to serve the North. He understands that the East needs help and that there have been a few struggles with COVID. However, he feels that the Board is in a better place and is confident that the current service provider can effectively execute their ambitious goals. Without knowing the Boards current budget HELP NM was able to make projections within the budget. Mr. Trujillo stated, looking at the budget we're projected to carry over however, we can always transfer funds because there is a great need for adult.

Jolene Nelson asked if the Youth, Dislocated Worker and Adult funds are due to expire on June 30th and they need to be expended by March 31st?

Mr. Trujillo informed Jolene that all of those funds need to be expended by March 31. He informed her that currently we don't know how much HELP NM will expend by March 31st. However, staff is working with HELP NM to figure that out. The document being presented is

based on our obligation contractually with the State of New Mexico and in order to meet our matrix, \$1.3 million in youth and \$1.1 million in dislocated worker funds need to be expended.

Chairman Weathers stated that he understands Mr. Trujillo, however that still leaves a balance of \$1,262,000.

Mr. Trujillo informed Chairman Weathers that this is an estimation of our carryover funds.

Madam Executive Director informed Chairman Weathers that our carry over numbers could change depending on what HELP NM is going to spend from April 1 to June 30.

Chairman Weathers stated that he understands and added that the Eastern Board is asking us to help them out. He expressed that he believes that helping the East out won't destroy the Northern Board.

Mr. Trujillo agreed with Chairman Weathers, however, by being good stewards this decision also affects our service provider as well.

Chairman Weathers informed HELP NM that the committees discussion has nothing to do with their confidence in HELP NM or their performance. He explained that SER was unable to spend those funds which caused the Board to carry over excess funds to the new provider.

Rebecca Estrada commended HELP NM for the amazing job they've done as the Boards service provider. Because of how great HELP has been makes this decision even more difficult. She assured HELP NM that there are no confidence issues with their ability to spend those funds. However, this decision is incredibly difficult because the Board never wants funding to leave the North.

Teresa Quintana expressed her appreciation. She added that HELP NM has an amazing team willing to serve the communities in the North and strive to exceed the Boards expectations.

Jolene Nelson asked Chairman Weathers if there is a way to negotiate the amount the East has requested for a lesser amount.

Chairman Weathers informed Mrs. Nelson that the requested amount was between \$700,000 and \$900,000. He stated that, either way if this money isn't spent in 75 days it will be reverted to the State.

Mr. Trujillo stated that he understands the money will be reverted. He added, the staff is asking for the opportunity to keep the money until March 31st. He then thanked HELP NM for their engagement and willing to work with the Northern Board. Mr. Trujillo added that he feels that HELP NM has the capacity to carry out their objectives

Madam Executive Director agreed with Mr. Trujillo.

Chairman Weathers stated that Madam Executive Director and Mr. Trujillo have presented a strong argument in their confidence that the money could be spent. He expressed that we're being asked to help the East and we have the capacity to do so. He then asked if there were any other? Hearing no questions, he asked Madam Executive Director if the amount she's requesting \$381,073.

Madam Executive Director made a recommendation of approval for the transfer by the Executive Committee.

Motion to approve the transfer. This motion, made by Rebecca Estrada, seconded by Vince Howell, passed by majority vote 4 Yays and 1 Nay.

Chairman Weathers stated that the transfer of the \$635,000 is not on our agenda as an action item therefore it will need to be approved in the next executive committee or full board meeting.

Madam Executive Director expressed that she feels that it's important to have our full board involved.

Rebecca Estrada agreed with Madam Executive Director.

Chairman Weathers stated that he appreciates how the team broke down the numbers into a simpler form for everyone to understand. He requested that the numbers be presented in the same format during the next full board meeting.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Next Meeting Date _____

Madam Executive Director informed the Committee that the next meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:46AM. This motion, made by Vince Howell, seconded by Rudy Garcia and passed unanimously by rollcall vote 6 Yays.

- An Executive Session may be called at any time during the meeting. Pursuant to New Mexico Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1 (H) Subsections; (1) Meetings pertaining to issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license, except that a hearing at which evidence is offered or rebutted shall be open. All final actions on the issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license shall be taken at an open meeting; (2) Limited personnel matters; provided that for purposes of the Open Meetings Act, "limited personnel matters" means the discussion of hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment or resignation of or the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual public employee; provided further that this paragraph is not to be construed as to exempt final actions on personnel from being taken at open public meetings, nor does it preclude an aggrieved public employee from demanding a public hearing. Judicial candidates interviewed by any commission shall have the right to demand an open interview; (3) Deliberations by a public body in connection with an administrative adjudicatory proceedings For purposes of this paragraph, "administrative adjudicatory proceeding" means a proceeding brought by or against a person before a public body in which individual legal rights, duties or privileges are required by law to be determined by the public body after an opportunity for a trial-type hearing. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the actual administrative adjudicatory proceeding at which evidence is offered or rebutted and any final action taken as a result of the proceeding shall occur in an open meeting; (4) The discussion of personally identifiable information about any individual student, unless the student or the student's parent or guardian requests otherwise; (5) Meetings for the discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the policymaking

body and a bargaining unit representing the employees of that policymaking body and collective bargaining sessions at which the policymaking body and the representatives of the collective bargaining unit are present; (6) that portion of meetings at which a decision concerning purchases in an amount exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) that can be made only from one source is discussed and that portion of meetings at which the contents of competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to the Procurement Code are discussed during the contract negotiation process. (7) Meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become participant; (8) Meetings for the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body.