

HHS COMMITTEE #2  
February 4, 2010

**MEMORANDUM**

February 2, 2010

TO: Health and Human Services Committee

FROM: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Update:** Vocational and Employment Services for People Participating in  
Addiction Services Programs

**Expected for this session:**

Uma Ahluwalia, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
Dr. Raymond Crowel, Chief, DHHS Behavioral Health and Crisis Services

As a part of the FY10 operating budget actions last spring, the HHS Committee and Council concurred with the Executive's recommendation to abolish a Program Specialist position (\$84,360) that had provided vocational and employment services to clients in outpatient addiction services programs. The Committee discuss with DHHS that this reduction might be partially filled through the workforce development program and that Federal stimulus funds might be available for employment services for this special population. The HHS Committee asked that an update be scheduled in order to understand what the impact has been.