

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### Follow-up correspondence from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services

During the May 20, 2021 Capital Planning Advisory Board meeting, several questions were raised regarding proposed projects included in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services' (CHFS) six-year capital plan.

The attached e-mail correspondence from Ms. Jamie Whiteside, Administrative Branch Manager, CHFS, is provided in response to member questions. Ms. Whiteside's responses appear in bold italic.

**BOARD ACTION:** Information only. No action is required.

**From:** Whiteside, Jamie L (CHFS OAS DFM)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** Bowen, Shawn (LRC)  
**Cc:** Richardson, Phil M (CHFS OAS DFM); Masterson, Astrud (CHFS OAS); Cooper, Sarah A (CHFS OLRA); Rodman, Kelli M (CHFS OPB)

**Subject:**FW: Capital Planning Advisory Board Meeting - Follow-up Request

Good afternoon ,

Please see CHFS's response to the Capital Planning Advisory Board's questions. Please let me know if anything else is needed. Thank you

1. CHFS leased space - with some staff working from home due to Covid protocols, is there a reduced need for leased space? If so, are efforts underway to eliminate leased space?  
**CHFS is reviewing space, evaluating building capacities, and working on a timeline.**
2. Kentucky Child Support Enforcement System, KASES III project - who is the software vendor? (\$11,220,000 GF; \$21,780,000 FF, cabinet priority #2) **This is the estimated amount of funds needed to move the 28 year-old legacy mainframe application to a modern system. If the project is approved, the Office of Application Technology Services (OATS) within CHFS would handle the transition to a web platform. If it is determined that an outside vendor is needed for a portion of the functionality, CHFS would follow KRS 45A Kentucky Model Procurement Code.**
3. Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center Construct Forensic Hospital project - how many patients does the old psychiatric center hold? How many new prison beds will the Department of Corrections resume ownership of upon completion of the project? (\$50,757,000 GF, cabinet priority #4) **KCPC currently has 97 beds. With the approval of the proposed project KCPC will gain 53 new beds, totaling 150 total. The Department of Corrections will gain 47,903 square feet.**
4. The Workers Information System (TWIST) Modernization project and the TWIST Case File Digitization project - can the projects be completed independent of one another? Are there certain elements of the project scopes that overlap with one another? (TWIST Modernization-\$9,497,000 GF; \$9,496,000 FF, cabinet priority #6. TWIST Case File Digitization-\$10,000,000 RF) **Yes, the projects can be completed independent of one another. The Twist Modernization is the enhancement of the existing IT system that social workers utilize which would provide workers a digitized work flow thus, improving efficiencies and eliminate hard copy case files. The Twist Case File Digitization is the scanning and digitalizing of current and past hard copy case files and making them available within TWIST.**

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Mr. Phil Richardson, Division Director  
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Dear Mr. Richardson:

This letter is a follow-up to last week's meeting of the Capital Planning Advisory Board. During the presentation of the cabinet's capital plan, members asked questions that are listed below:

- (1) CHFS leased space - with some staff working from home due to Covid protocols, is there a reduced need for leased space? If so, are efforts underway to eliminate leased space?
- (2) Kentucky Child Support Enforcement System (KASES III) project - who is the software vendor?
- (3) Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center Construct Forensic Hospital project - how many patients does the old psychiatric center hold? How many new prison beds will the Department of Corrections resume ownership of upon completion of the project?
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The board's next meeting is scheduled for June 16. At that meeting, members would like to review the responses to the above questions. Please send your response via email to shawn.bowen@lrc.ky.gov by June 4. I will then forward your response to the members so they will have adequate time to review them prior to the meeting.

I appreciate your willingness to work with the board to assure all questions relating to the cabinet's proposed capital plan are addressed. If you should have questions about this request, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Shawn Bowen, Committee Staff Administrator  
Capital Planning Advisory Board