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Cynthia A. Rice

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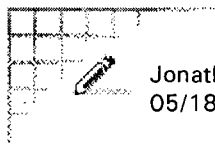
To: Jeanne Lambrew/OPD/EOP
cc: J. Eric Gould/OPD/EOP
Subject: draft statement, let's discuss

I assume you'll work on this? Let me know if you'd like us to do anything. As a quick cut I would reorganize this to be:

I am pleased that today the House Commerce committee voted [vote # if good] on a bipartisan basis for the Work Incentives Improvement Act, which would remove significant barriers to work for millions of people with disabilities by increasing their access to health care and employment services. I strongly support this legislation and the Senate version championed by Senators Jeffords, Kennedy, Roth and Moynihan and which XX members of the Senate have co-sponsored. I call upon the leadership of the House and Senate to work together to pass this legislation by the Memorial Day recess. No one should have to make a choice between earning an income and health care access.

Obviously we may want to have more on what the bill does, etc. and maybe the plug for no health weakening amendments too.

----- Forwarded by Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP on 05/18/99 01:17 PM -----



Jonathan M. Young
05/18/99 12:39:33 PM

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To: Jeanne Lambrew/OPD/EOP, Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP
cc:
Subject: draft statement, let's discuss

[not sure about which bill/people to highlight]

The Administration strongly supports S. 311/H.R. 1180, which would remove significant barriers to work for millions of people with disabilities by increasing their access to health care and employment services. In his January 19th State of the Union Address, the President expressed his ongoing commitment to empower people with disabilities and urged the Congress to pass the landmark Work Incentives Improvement Act. The President's FY 2000 Budget fully funds the bill's health care options in Medicare and Medicaid as well as the "Ticket to Work" provisions for individuals with disabilities.


During the last year, White House staff worked intensely with the disability community and with Congress to develop a proposal that provides the services necessary to enable people with disabilities to work. The "ticket to work" program helps address this need. But it is also essential to ensure access to health insurance coverage. Senators Jeffords, Kennedy, Roth, and Moynihan have successfully developed a **fully paid-for** proposal that accomplishes these policy goals. The Administration thus opposes any amendments that weaken the bill's indispensable health provisions: no one should have to make a choice between earning an income and health care access.



Joanne Cianci

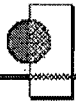
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To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP
cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
bcc:
Subject: Re: Program Integrity Update 

Most of the offsets that were included in last year's version of JK were dropped. The exceptions were the prisoner provision and the clergy open season. When JKRM introduced the bill this session they included a series of tax provisions (including user fees and tax credits) to pay for the bill.


Cynthia A. Rice



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04/28/99 01:03:57 PM


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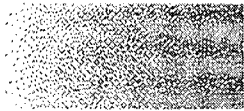
I was wondering about the provisions that save money, whether those offsets were essentially being used in both bills (Jeffords-Kennedy and foster care).
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To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP
cc: Jeffrey A. Farkas/OMB/EOP, Joanne Cianci/OMB/EOP
Subject: Re: Program Integrity Update 

Yes. The "treatment of prisoners" language is included in S. 331 and H.R. 631: (I need to check if the provisions are identical, but in concept, they are the same. Also, many of the other H.R. 631 offsets are assumed in the FY 2000 Budget.)



David Rowe

04/09/99 05:46:08 PM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: Daniel J. Chenok/OMB/EOP, Maya A. Bernstein/OMB/EOP, Lori Schack/OMB/EOP
Subject: Summary of ED's session with Ways and Means on the Work Incentives Improvement Act

On Friday 3/26, ED staff (Curtis Richards and others) met with W&M staff for about an hour to discuss the Bunning-Kennelly bill & this year's Kennedy-Jeffords bill. I apologize for the delay in sending this summary out.

One of the main purposes of this meeting was to brief W&M staff on how the State VR programs work (e.g., the fact that priority is given to serving individuals with the most significant disabilities). Below is a brief summary of the other important items that were discussed.

Agreement with State Rehab. Agency: W&M staff asked ED about the purpose of sec. 1148(c)(3)(D) in the Senate bill, which states that no payment can be made to an employment network who either makes referrals to a State agency in violation of their agreement with the agency, or has not entered into an agreement. ED staff noted that this language is intended to prevent employment networks from "double dipping" by referring an individual to a State VR agency for specific services, and then being reimbursed for the services provided by the State VR agency. W&M staff was concerned that the bill language would essentially reassign the ticket to the VR agency. ED said the language just requires the provider to reimburse the Rehab agency, not give up the ticket, but said that it would look into this issue.

Mode of Election for Reimbursement: W&M staff asked about Sec. 1148 (c)(1) in the Senate bill, which gives only State agencies the option of operating under the old or the new payment system, on a case by case basis. ED justified this language by saying that, under this bill, the most difficult and risky cases (e.g., the most severely disabled) will most likely wind up in the State agencies rather than private providers, and that the reimbursements for these individuals would usually be lower under the new payment system. W&M staff said that they were concerned that private providers do not have the same option in the Senate bill.

Big Picture -- Competition: W&M staff asked ED if both they and the State rehab. agencies are generally concerned that this legislation would increase competition between State rehab. agencies and private providers. ED noted that they support the Kennedy-Jeffords legislation in its current form (though they have concerns with, for instance, the P&A language), and that competition isn't a major issue with the Department because there are more than enough people for both the State rehab. agencies and private providers to serve.

P&A: ED brought up it's concern that the Senate bill only provides a generic reference to providing information on obtaining employment and advocacy, rather than the more specific P&A language included in last year's draft H.R. 3433. W&M said that they'd take ED's concern under advisement.



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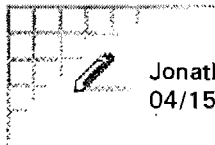
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bcc:
Subject: Re: URGENT : SAP on S331 -- Comments Due 3 :30 p.m. Today (4/15) -- Senate May Consider Bill Today

I agree with Jonathan's comment. I also would suggest that the first paragraph be made longer -- Jeanne what do you think and what would you add? -- so that the balance is right, e.g., there's 99% we absolutely love and 1% we'd amend slightly.

I would also amend the second graph as follows:

The Administration, ~~however,~~ urges the Senate to amend the bill to authorize the Work Incentives Assistance Grants proposal included in the President's FY 2000 Budget. This proposal would authorize grants for benefits planning and assistance counseling to facilitate access to information about work incentives and for state and local partnerships to better integrate coordinate services for people with disabilities who work or are returning to work.

Jonathan M. Young



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Work Incentives Improvement Act Meeting:
Administration and Disability Advocates
April 7, 1999

Agenda

I. Welcome/Introductions: Jonathan Young (OPL)

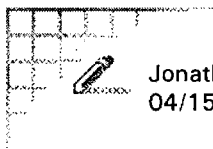
Attendees expected to include:

- A. **Disability Advocates:** Marty Ford (The Arc), Tony Young (UCPA), David Fields (UCPA), Andrew Sperling (NAMI), Suellen Galbraith (ANCOR), Mary Gennaro (NADDC), Sallie Rhodes (NAPAS)
- B. **White House:** Cynthia Rice (DPC), Jeanne Lambrew (NEC), Eric Gould (DPC), Lisa Brown (OVP), Jonathan Young (OPL)
- C. **OMB:** Barbara Chow, Joanne Cianci, Melinda Haskins, Larry Matlack, Jeff Farkas
- D. **DOL:** Becky Ogle, Gary Reed, Bill McKinnon
- E. **SSA:** Susan Daniels, Judy Chesser, Jim O'Donnell
- F. **HHS:** Bob Williams

II. Work Incentives Planners/DOL Grants: Cynthia (DPC), Barbara (OMB), Becky (DOL), and Susan (SSA)

III. Overall Strategy: Jonathan (OPL) and Cynthia (DPC)

- A. House Update
- B. Senate Update
- C. Future Meetings:



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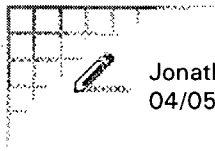
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This is just 7 lines. If Marie and Laura each take one, OMB takes two, Jeanne takes one, I'll join Cynthia in her office, patch in Connie, leaving one extra line.

Call is at 12:30 pm

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Jonathan M. Young
04/05/99 02:00:12 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP

cc:

Subject: pls. review... JKRM Meeting with Disability Groups

Cynthia, can you look this over before I circulate it? Thanks.

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We will meet as scheduled.

Date: Wednesday, April 7

Time: 12:00 PM

Room: OEOB 211

Subject: Work Incentives Planners and DOL Systems Change Component

Background: One of the original titles of the JK Legislation concerned setting up "Work Incentives Planners," on a competitive state-by-state grant basis, to inform people on SSI and SSDI about their options for obtaining employment and taking advantage of the JK Work Incentives. The Senate bill proposed to fund this program out of SSA, for \$23 million a year max over five years, starting in year 2. During our budget process, we developed a proposal that combined the Planners with one of the Task Force recommendations for Systems Change in DOL, for a total of \$50 million a year, beginning year one (roughly \$23 million going to the Planners, the rest for Systems Change). We proposed this change to the Senate during, but the bill was passed out of Finance Committee without our recommended change, sticking by the \$23 million in SSA.

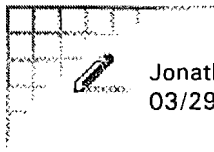
Reason for Meeting: Senate staff and disability groups are operating under the assumption that the bill language obligates/mandates SSA to fund the program. They are separately exploring ways to appropriate funds for the Task Force Systems Change component. But, as we have discussed in recent meetings, the language would require SSA to fund the Planners out of its discretionary Administrative account, and SSA cannot therefore guarantee it will have the resources to operate the program. We want to inform the Congress and the advocates about our concern so that we do not run into greater problems down the road.

Proposed Agenda for Meeting: 1) Introductions; 2) Review history and content of our DOL combined proposal; 3) Review concerns about current Senate language; 4) Q & A.

Attendance at Meeting: 1) Administration Representatives from DPC/NEC, OMB (health and income maintenance divisions), W.H. Legislative Affairs, SSA, DOL, OVP, OPL; 2) Leading disability community advocates (4-6). Administration offices not mentioned above, but wishing to attend, may do so. Just let me know.

Call me at 202-456-7032 with questions.

Jonathan Young, White House Office of Public Liaison



Jonathan M. Young
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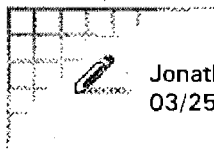
To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: Gina C. Mooers/OMB/EOP, Sandra Yamin/OMB/EOP, Christopher C. Jennings/OPD/EOP, Teresa M. Jones/OPD/EOP
Subject: Meeting with Dis Reps, proposed time

Wednesday, April 7, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, room TBD

From the response I've heard so far, this appears to be the best (and perhaps only) workable time. Please let me know if this does NOT work for representation from OMB (Health and Ed), DPC/NEC, SSA, DOL, and Leg. Affairs. In the meantime, interested parties please hold date/time for meeting with disability representatives. There will probably be no perfect time, so I'd like to hold this one unless it poses a major problem. Thanks.

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Jonathan M. Young
03/25/99 10:43:38 PM

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: Meeting with disability reps

[This message doesn't apply to all of you, but I thought it easier to send it to everyone, rather than risk leaving someone out.]

RE: Setting up meeting with groups

At today's meeting, we discussed having a briefing with core disability advocates to discuss our "\$23 million question." The purpose is two-fold: 1) explain our \$50 million combined proposal for Work Incentives Planners and "BRIDGE" (and also our strategy with Congress); 2) make clear that the current language passed out of Senate finance provides no guarantee that the planners can be implemented, because it does not appropriate money for SSA (it would have to come out of SSA's LAE, or discretionary administrative account--hope I'm explaining that accurately).

We discussed meeting with the groups Tuesday or Wednesday, April 6-7. I'd like to suggest two windows of time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Tuesday, and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Wednesday.

We need representatives from the following: OMB (including Barbara Chow and Dan Mendelson, if possible), SSA, DOL (that includes PTFEAD), Leg Affairs, and OPD. We'd like to keep this meeting manageable by keeping numbers small. But if you're not from one of these offices and really want to attend, let me know.

I suggest the following approach to identify a time. I've listed below nine hour-long blocks, with numbers. Just email me back with the numbers of the times that do NOT work for you (and your office). I hope that there will be at least one hour that works.

[Cynthia, please coordinate OPD/Leg Affairs representation]

[Joanne, please coordinate OMB representation]

[Marie, please coordinate SSA representation]

[Becky, please coordinate DOL representation]

- #1: Tuesday, April 6, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- #2: Tuesday, April 6, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- #3: Tuesday, April 6, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- #4: Wednesday, April 7, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- #5: Wednesday, April 7, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- #6: Wednesday, April 7, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- #7: Wednesday, April 7, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- #8: Wednesday, April 7, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- #9: Wednesday, April 7, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Once we get a time that works internally, I'll take care of notifying the groups and setting up room

arrangements, clearance, etc. Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks everyone for your commitment to this bill. It would be a tremendous victory to get this signed by the President this year. Keep up the good work.

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cc: Daniel J. Chenok/OMB/EOP, Maya A. Bernstein/OMB/EOP, Lori Schack/OMB/EOP

Subject: Summary of T&A Session with Ways and Means

Today SSA met with W&M staff (led by Kim Hildred and Sandy Wise), plus a cast of thousands from the Hill, to discuss changes made since the Bunning-Kennelly bill passed the House last year. We worked from a copy of the B-K bill that was marked up to reflect changes. Although HCFA sent a representative, no one from ED or DOL was present. Here is a summary of some of the issues discussed (Medicaid and offsets were not discussed):

Scoring. Kim and Sandy noted that while the B-K bill produced savings over five years, the changes made to these provisions by the Senate now result in costs.

Work Incentive Grants. W&M staff noted the specialists proposed in B-K were no longer in the bill, and asked SSA to explain the new grants. I added that the budget did not include the JKRM grants, but rather included an alternative grant program based in DOL. *Kim and Sandy requested to see any paper/legislative language the Administration developed on these grants.*

Prisoner Provision -- Privacy Act Exemption. Sandy noted that the prisoner provision language was changed and she asked for the rationale. We explained that SSA did not need to be exempt from the entire Privacy Act in order to collect and share the information under this provision. The substitute language is meant to only exempt SSA from the necessary provisions. We also noted that OMB-OGC and SSA-OGC continue to discuss this issue. *W&M seems to be fine with the change as long as the data sharing can still occur, and requested that we share any future changes with them.*

Funding. In several places the Senate changed authorization language to language that looks more like appropriations language. House staff hypothesized this may have been to avoid offsetting certain provisions. However, they also noted that the funds should not be appropriated through this bill, and would be subject to the discretionary caps. *Someone on House staff volunteered to raise the issue with the appropriators. He felt it was unlikely the House would pass the language.*

Reauthorization of the Ticket. W&M is unhappy with the reauthorization language (staff referred to it as a "five year sunset provision with a grandfather clause"). CBO noted that the change has little effect on 5 year numbers, but virtually all of the program's savings are lost over the 10 year period.

CLARIFICATION POINTS

Continuing Disability Reviews. There is some confusion in W&M (as in SSA and EXOP) about how the two provisions that eliminate work activity as a trigger for a disability review relate to each other. *SSA volunteered to provide a written rationale for the changes it would like to make.*

Advisory Panel. W&M staff wanted to know if the Administration opposed the panel proposed in the Senate -- twice the size of the House panel and broader scope (SSA-based panel advises HHS,

DOL, ED). ***SSA and I stated that while we preferred to build off of an existing interagency panel focused on employment for individuals with disabilities, we would not oppose the Senate panel.***

State Agency Participation in the Ticket Program. The Senate version enables State VR agencies to select payment methods on a case by case basis and to develop contracts with other participating providers/managers. ***Kim Hildred wants to speak to someone from ED about these changes.***

Medicare. W&M staff asked several questions to get a better understanding of the provision. Specifically, they asked about the 10 year window, whether disability reviews would be conducted after an individual stops receiving DI cash benefits (they read it as "no"), and costs.

Expedited Eligibility Provision. This was not discussed in detail, though Kathy Ruffing (CBO) did note that she scored it as a small coster instead of a small saver. ***SSA will provide a written rationale for this provision.***

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

Milestone Payments. SSA again requested that more specific language be adopted regarding milestones only being paid after an individual starts a job. ***Kim and Sandy believe the language that enables the Commissioner to determine the timing and amount of payments is sufficient.***

Individual Work Plans. Senate language provides detailed requirements of what the plans must include and takes away the Commissioner ability to waive the plans in certain cases. W&M and SSA both prefer the House language.

Qualification for Employment Networks. W&M staff are concerned that the flexibility built into the Senate language may allow McDonalds or other large employers to qualify for payments. SSA does not believe the language would do this.

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