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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Proposed Regulation 22 VAC 40-25-10 et seq.

Auxiliary Grants Program

I have reviewed the above-referenced proposed regulation to determine if the State Board of Social Services ("State Board") has the statutory authority to promulgate the proposed regulation and if the proposed regulation comports with applicable state law.

Virginia Code § 63.2-800 mandates that the State Board promulgate regulations "for the administration of the auxiliary grants program." It appears that the State Board has the authority to promulgate the proposed regulation, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order 36 (2006), and has not exceeded that authority.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 786-0095.