

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT  
FY 2023-24 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA

**Thursday, December 15, 2022**

**9:00 am – 2:30 pm**

**2:00-2:15      OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP (OPG)**

Main Presenters:

- Sophia M. Alvarez, Executive Director

Supporting Presenters:

- Deb Bennett-Woods, Chair – OPG Commission

Topics:

- Introduction and Opening Comments: Slide 1
- Common Questions: Pages 1 - 2, Questions 2-5 in the packet
- Admin Services for Independent Agencies: Page 1, Question 1 in the packet
- Additional Items: Slides 2 -4

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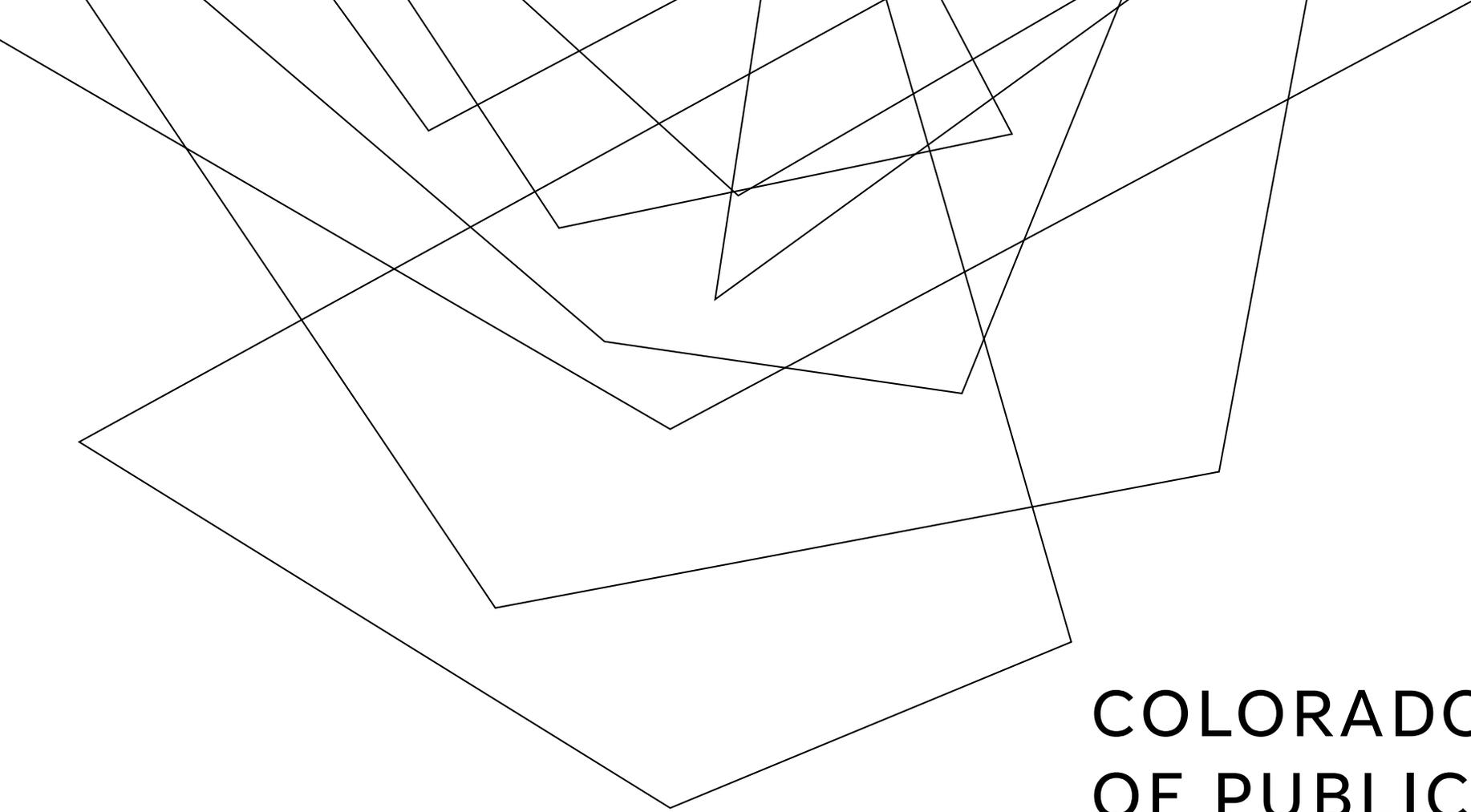
ADMIN SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

1. Please provide the Agency's perspective on creating an administrative services unit for independent agencies. *The OPG is committed to efficiency of costs, maximizing the return of our work, and using our budget wisely. An administrative services unit would be beneficial for the OPG.*

COMMON QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT DEPARTMENT HEARINGS

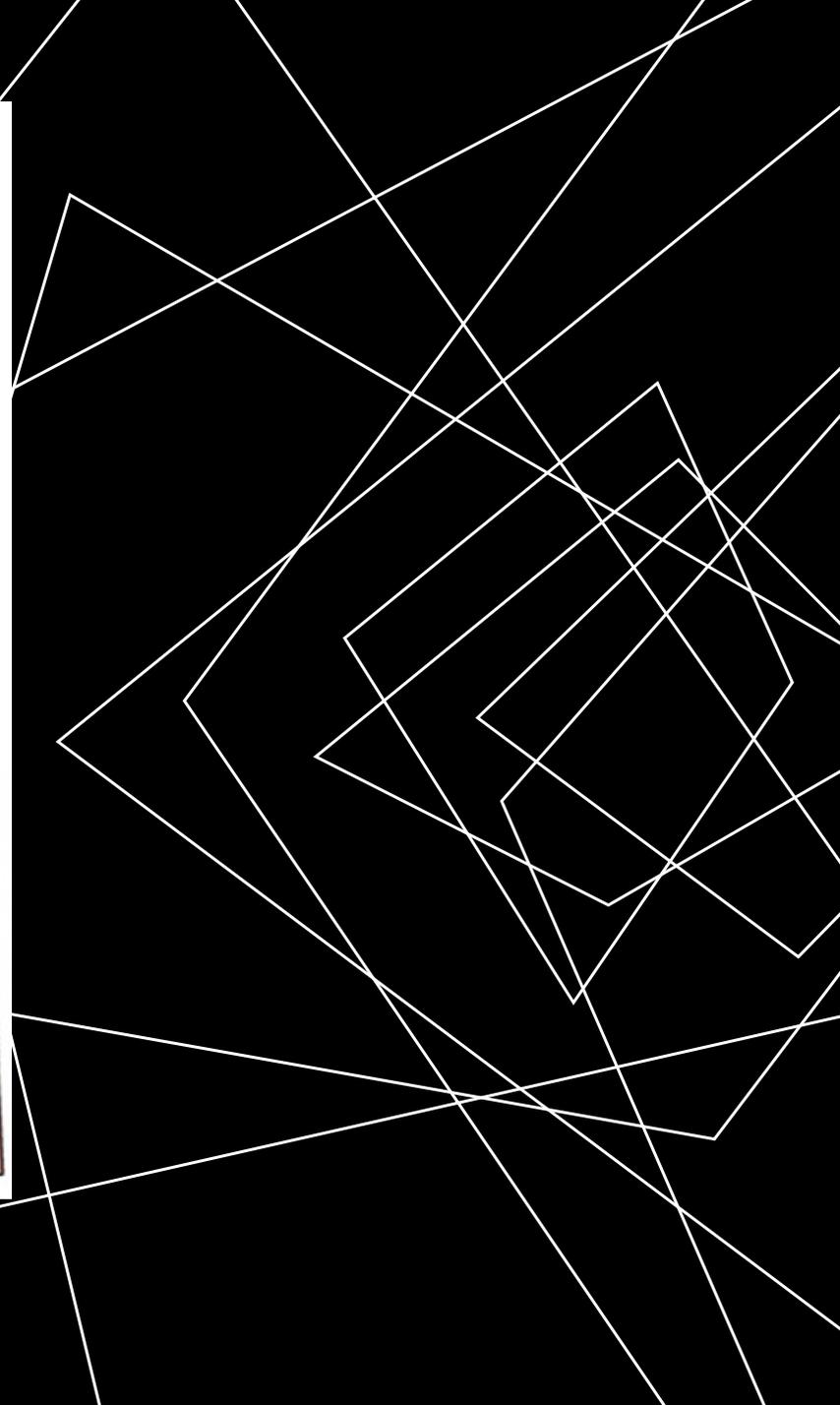
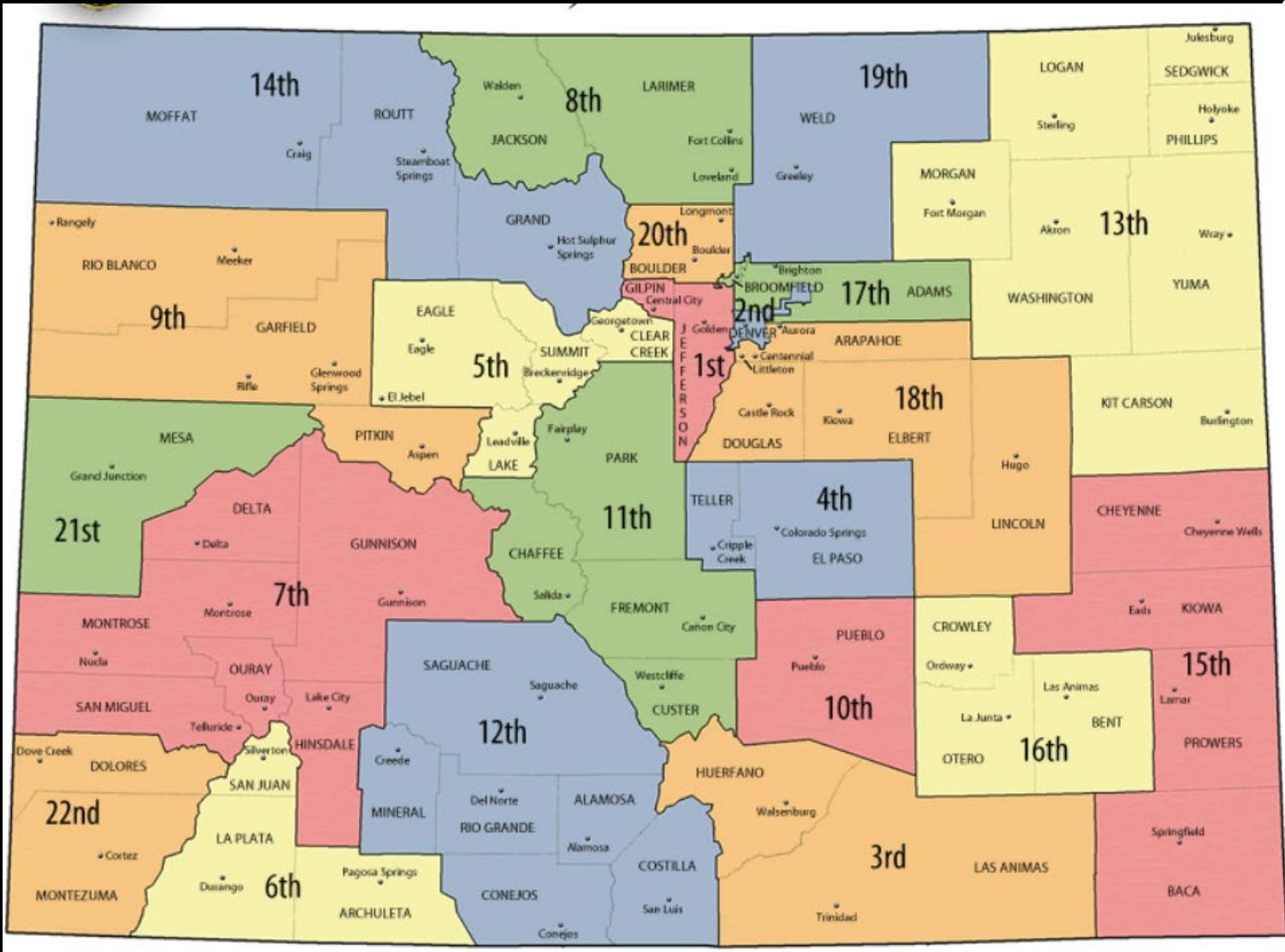
2. Please provide a description, calculation, and the assumptions for the fiscal impact of implementing the provisions of the Partnership Agreement, including but not limited to changes in annual leave accrual, holiday pay, and paid family and medical leave. If your department includes employees who are exempt from the Partnership Agreement, please indicate whether or not you intend to implement similar benefit changes as those required for covered employees. Please provide a breakdown of the fiscal impact of implementing the provisions of the Partnership Agreement for: a) employees who are subject to the Agreement, and b) employees who are exempt from the Agreement. *The OPG will examine these changes and will determine in cooperation with the Judicial Department as to what is implemented.*
3. Please describe the implementation plan for new programs added to the Department from one-time stimulus funds (such as the CARES Act, ARPA, and one-time General Fund), as well as any challenges or delays to program implementation. *The OPG received one-time General Funds in 2019 from Probate fees to fund the Department. The OPG has not received any other type of funds.*

4. Please identify how many rules you have promulgated in the past year (FY 2021-22). With respect to these rules, have you done any cost-benefit analyses pursuant to Section 24-4-103 (2.5), C.R.S., regulatory analyses pursuant to Section 24-4-103 (4.5), C.R.S., or any other similar analysis? Have you conducted a cost-benefit analysis of the Department's rules as a whole? If so, please provide an overview of each analysis. *Not applicable as the OPG did not promulgate any rules in the past year.*
  
5. How many temporary FTE has the Department been appropriated funding in each of the following fiscal years: FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, and FY 2022-23? For how many of the temporary FTE was the appropriation made in the Long Bill? In other legislation? Please indicate the amount of funding that was appropriated. What is the department's strategy related to ensuring the short term nature of these positions? Does the department intend to make the positions permanent in the future? *Not applicable as the OPG was not appropriated temporary FTE in any of the stated fiscal years.*

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# COLORADO OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP

JBC Hearing 12.15.2022



UNMET NEED

2,754 – 3,736 estimated number of individuals requiring public guardianship in Colorado

REFERRALS

288 total referrals to OPG

INITIAL COST SAVINGS DUE TO APPROPRIATE HOUSING

\$2,988,140

- 9 clients from CMHI Ft. Logan and Pueblo
- 15 from hospitals

OTHER COST SAVINGS

\$10,000 – pre-paid burial arrangements for 10 clients

SNAPSHOT

EXPANSION  
DURING PILOT

Established a “Hold Status”

2 Denver County Guardian-Designees

EXPANSION  
DURING PILOT

2 Office of Behavioral Health/Momentum  
Guardian-Designees

EXPANSION  
DURING PILOT

7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Guardian-Designee

16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Guardian-Designee

INTANGIBLE  
COST SAVINGS

“It impressed me in many ways. They placed me in a home. They helped me get established in this place I'm living at. They helped me get established with shoes and clothes. I'm waiting for a winter jacket for my birthday, my own winter jacket. I have my own pair of shoes on. I got my own pants, my own shirts. Not at a grab bag. It's really from Amazon and they're really mine. I don't have to dig in grab bags or get second best or anything. I got my own clothes. Erin helped me with it. I'm impressed and thank her for it. She helped me a bunch.”—Sam—Client

SNAPSHOT