

Governor's Consensus Revenue Estimating Panel Minutes
State House, Concord, NH
January 31, 2013 at 1:30 pm

Members present:

Gerard Murphy, Governor's Budget Director (chair)

Karen Benincasa, Department of Administrative Services, designee for the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services

Kevin Clougherty, Commissioner of the Department of Revenue Administration

Lindsey Stepp, designee for the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue Administration

Richard Samuels, McLane Law

Dennis Delay, New Hampshire Center for Public Policy

Jeff McLynch, New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute

Ross Gittell, Chancellor of the Community College System of New Hampshire

1:30pm Chairman opened the meeting, and minutes from previous meeting were accepted

Alex Feldvebel, Deputy Commissioner, Norma Stallings, Tax Accountant, and David Sky, Actuary, all of the Insurance Department presented Insurance Premium Tax revenue estimates and methodology, including possible affects of Medicaid Managed Care implementation and Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, discussion ensued

Commissioner Clougherty discusses the Department's delay in processing tax refunds associated with Business Taxes and Interest and Dividends Taxes, as well as the need to rerun projections based on the most recent information.

Discussed MET payments and status of tax returns, budget calculations and the uncertainty associated with ongoing litigation.

Karen Benincasa elaborates, and explains how this affects revenue projections.

Lindsey Stepp addresses the tax law changes, their timing, and how they will affect refining estimates. Brings up net operating loss (NOL), explains methodology, discussion ensues

Group agrees a conservative approach to numbers is best when establishing a baseline of which to make projections for the next budget.

Chair asks that everyone take time to digest these numbers presented directly to the panel, as well as the information from agency presentations to the House Ways & Means Committee. Panel plans to reconvene same time next week to find consensus and put together final recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.