

coordination dealing with the services. And you're going to have all of the entities, in those departments they're each divided, and each department is really divided into those three areas. Is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Well,...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, for example, OJS or DSS,...

SENATOR WESELY: Oh.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...that department, as it is now, will be divided into those three entities.

SENATOR WESELY: That's correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. When you get to a...federal funds, for example, when they come in and we'll be able to use it for Medicaid or whatever the case may be, those dollars would go to the finance side, obviously. Is there any...how will that...how will we be making policy decisions about where dollars go? Before they would have gone to three different agencies, now we're going to have one. How would that work? If you could just take a few minutes, and if I need to punch on again, I will.

SENATOR WESELY: Actually, Senator Bernard-Stevens, you're asking a very good question because this is the heart of some of the problems we've had in our state where we have attempted to move forward to provide services, and the funding sources has denied that. Because of the rearrangement here, that past problem doesn't end up being the same situation with this new entity because that's the job of finance, is to work with the service side to maximize resources and to meet the needs, the service needs of people. So what I would see happening, for instance, is the finance department saying, okay, here's where we're at, here's our funding level. Services, what is it that your needs are? Services says, here's what we're thinking about, through whatever program or concern that they have. Part of finance's job will be to say, okay, let's see, how do we work together to maximize resources to get you the dollars you need to maximize the services that you need for folk and leverage things where you can. And so I see finance as sort of a partner, that's the whole partnership thing, working with