

State of Alaska FY2022 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Law Child Protection Component Budget Summary

Component: Child Protection**Contribution to Department's Mission**

The Child Protection Section provides advice and representation to the Office of Children's Services (OCS) in the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to assist that department in the performance of its functions.

Core Services

- Child Protection attorneys provide legal assistance to OCS on issues arising from the state's child protection system. Attorneys advise OCS social workers prior to initiation of legal action to remove children from abusive or neglectful homes and, if necessary, litigate whether children should be in the legal custody of the state.
- Child Protection attorneys help OCS implement plans to safely return children home and if necessary take legal action to terminate parental rights, allowing the children to be placed in adoptive or other permanent homes.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2020

- Section members managed very substantial Child-In-Need-of-Aid (CINA) caseloads while working to improve the child protection system and foster state-tribal relations to better protect children. The section primarily litigates cases at the trial court level with 25 attorneys to handle approximately 3,100 individual CINA cases.
- The section continued to work with the Child Support Services Division in the Department of Revenue to establish paternity early in child protection cases and to obtain child support orders from parents whose children are in state custody.
- The section worked with OCS to establish procedures to ensure timely compliance with requirements of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, which is an important funding stream for foster care costs.
- Section attorneys provided regular training sessions on the child protection legal system at the social worker academy and in OCS field offices.
- Certain section attorneys participated in the Court Improvement Project, the CINA Rules Committee, a statewide Indian Child Welfare Act Committee, and other groups and committees seeking to improve the child protection system.
- Section attorneys worked with OCS to help it partner with tribes and tribal organizations and to address long-standing tribal-state issues to improve child welfare.
- Section members participated in regional Multidisciplinary Teams to coordinate civil and criminal response to sexual and physical abuse cases.
- The section recouped funds from the federal government's Title IV-E program through eligible legal services.

Key Component Challenges

- Rural connectivity issues slow the functions of the division's electronic case management system (ProLaw) and, in turn, create productivity challenges for staff. These challenges were magnified with the technology needs related to COVID-19.
- Attorney turnover and depressed resources create morale and retention problems that negatively impact the section's ability to deliver client services.
- More cases and abbreviated court schedules, aggravated by COVID-19 and the need to move to virtual hearings, lead to longer stays in foster care for children who could otherwise find permanency in their "forever home" and

increases the burden of cost to the state. The limited resources and growing caseloads could also negatively impact the amount of federal Title IV-E dollars granted to the state in reimbursement for eligible legal services performed in CINA cases.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022

The section continues to implement consistent, uniform legal and administrative services across all seven child protection offices in the state. Emphasized areas include consistency of legal positions, administrative processes, uniform training for OCS employees, and increased use of ProLaw forms and functions.

The section will work with community stakeholders, the court and related legal offices to streamline the child welfare system, increase efficiencies and decrease resource needs.

The section will focus on maintaining staffing levels and preserving morale so that the section can continue to provide quality legal services to its clients.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020

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Child Protection Personal Services Information				
Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2021</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2022</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	56	56	Annual Salaries	4,491,684
Part-time	0	0	COLA	17,204
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	2,582,013
			<i>Less 6.04% Vacancy Factor</i>	(428,001)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	56	56	Total Personal Services	6,662,900

Position Classification Summary					
Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Associate Attorney I	0	1	0	0	1
Associate Attorney II	1	0	0	0	1
Attorney II	1	0	0	0	1
Attorney III	5	0	0	2	7
Attorney IV	3	3	2	5	13
Attorney V	3	0	0	1	4
Attorney VI	1	0	0	0	1
Law Office Assistant I	9	1	1	3	14
Law Office Assistant II	1	1	0	0	2
Paralegal I	2	1	0	0	3
Paralegal II	4	1	1	3	9
Totals	30	8	4	14	56

Component Detail All Funds
Department of Law

Component: Child Protection (2961)
RDU: Civil Division (35)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Conference Committee	FY2021 Authorized	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor	FY2021 Management Plan vs FY2022 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	7,697.2	6,646.4	6,646.4	6,646.4	6,662.9	16.5	0.2%
72000 Travel	40.6	52.0	52.0	52.0	52.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	1,671.5	700.1	700.1	700.1	700.1	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	89.0	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	28.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	9,526.8	7,497.4	7,497.4	7,497.4	7,513.9	16.5	0.2%
Fund Sources:							
1001 CBR Fund (UGF)	0.0	1,301.5	1,301.5	1,301.5	0.0	-1,301.5	-100.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	6,127.8	3,904.3	3,904.3	3,904.3	5,221.3	1,317.0	33.7%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	3,399.0	2,291.6	2,291.6	2,291.6	2,292.6	1.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	6,127.8	5,205.8	5,205.8	5,205.8	5,221.3	15.5	0.3%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	3,399.0	2,291.6	2,291.6	2,291.6	2,292.6	1.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	56	56	56	56	56	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Law

Component: Child Protection (2961)
RDU: Civil Division (35)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2021 Conference Committee To FY2021 Authorized *****												
Conference Committee												
	ConfCom	7,497.4	6,646.4	52.0	700.1	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	56	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		1,301.5										
1004 Gen Fund		3,904.3										
1007 I/A Rcpts		2,291.6										
Subtotal		7,497.4	6,646.4	52.0	700.1	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	56	0	0
***** Changes From FY2021 Management Plan To FY2022 Governor *****												
FY2022 Salary Adjustments												
	SalAdj	16.5	16.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		15.5										
1007 I/A Rcpts		1.0										
FY2022 1% COLA for ASE/General Government (GG/GP/GY/GZ): \$16.5												
Fund Source Adjustment of CBRF to UGF												
	FndChg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		-1,301.5										
1004 Gen Fund		1,301.5										
Totals		7,513.9	6,662.9	52.0	700.1	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	56	0	0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Law
Travel

Component: Child Protection (2961)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
2000	Travel		40.6	52.0	52.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
2000 Travel Detail Totals			40.6	52.0	52.0
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Travel for attorneys to interview witnesses and attend court proceedings, as well as for necessary training for both attorneys and paraprofessionals. Includes travel for management purposes.	22.5	32.0	32.0
2001	In-State Non-Employee Travel	Travel costs for witnesses to testify in court.	0.1	7.0	7.0
2002	Out of State Employee Travel	Travel costs and expenses for out-of-state travel for conferences, training, etc.	0.7	4.0	4.0
2006	Other Travel Costs	Travel cost transfers.	17.3	9.0	9.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Law
Services

Component: Child Protection (2961)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
3000	Services		1,671.5	700.1	700.1
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			1,671.5	700.1	700.1
3000	Education Services	Conferences, training and memberships.	0.0	2.0	2.0
3002	Legal and Judicial Services	Depositions, research costs, expert witness and consultant fees.	387.6	273.6	273.6
3006	Delivery Services	Freight, courier, postage, and transportation of trial exhibit materials.	24.5	24.5	24.5
3008	Utilities	Waste management disposal costs not included in lease.	0.0	0.5	0.5
3011	Other Services	Cost transfers and miscellaneous items within the services line (commissions, etc.).	1,259.4	399.5	399.5

Line Item Detail (1676)

**Department of Law
Commodities**

Component: Child Protection (2961)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
4000	Commodities		89.0	98.9	98.9
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
4000 Commodities Detail Totals			89.0	98.9	98.9
4000	Business	Reference materials and subscriptions, including statutes, software applications, non-capital desktop refresh, and miscellaneous office supplies.	0.0	0.9	0.9
4022	Commodity Transfer	Commodity cost transfers.	89.0	98.0	98.0

Line Item Detail (1676)

**Department of Law
Capital Outlay**

Component: Child Protection (2961)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
5000	Capital Outlay		28.5	0.0	0.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
5000 Capital Outlay Detail Totals			28.5	0.0	0.0
5009	Capital Outlay Transfer	Capital cost transfers.	28.5	0.0	0.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Law

Component: Child Protection (2961)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			3,379.8	2,291.6	2,292.6
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts			3,379.8	0.0	0.0
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Department-wide	RSA Health and Social Services, Family Preservation - legal services provided to H&SS under Title IV-E. Program code: CV03206518.	0.0	1,961.8	1,962.8
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Department-wide	RSA Health and Social Services, Child Protection - legal services provided to Family Preservation Services for assisting in the focus on permanent homes for Alaskan children. Program code: CV03206567.	0.0	18.5	18.5
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Department-wide	RSA Health and Social Services, Child Protection - direct costs for legal services such as travel, expert witnesses and examining physicians. Program code: CV03206568.	0.0	290.0	290.0
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - Department-wide	RSA Health and Social Services, Foster Care Special Need - tribal discovery charges reimbursement. Program code: CV03206588.	0.0	21.3	21.3

Personal Services Expenditure Detail
Department of Law

Scenario: FY2022 Governor (17280)
Component: Child Protection (2961)
RDU: Civil Division (35)

PCN	Job Class Title	Time Status	Retire Code	Barg Unit	Location	Salary Sched	Range / Step	Comp Months	Split / Count	Annual Salaries	COLA	Premium Pay	Annual Benefits	Total Costs	UGF Amount
03-0014	Law Office Assistant II	FT	A	SS	Fairbanks	99	13N	12.0		65,021	0	0	41,041	106,062	0
03-0031	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Palmer	N00	24M	12.0		120,978	0	0	60,012	180,990	180,990
03-0034	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	11B / C	12.0		38,815	521	0	32,050	71,386	71,386
03-0040	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	24J / K	12.0		110,949	0	0	56,586	167,535	125,651
03-0041	Attorney III	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	22F / J	12.0		94,972	0	0	51,129	146,101	0
03-0046	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Fairbanks	N03	24K	12.0		116,883	0	0	58,614	175,497	0
03-0073	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	11E / F	12.0		43,489	583	0	33,646	77,718	77,718
03-0091	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Fairbanks	203	11C / D	12.0		41,269	554	0	32,888	74,711	0
03-0095	Law Office Assistant II	FT	A	SS	Anchorage	600	13L	12.0		58,386	0	0	38,775	97,161	97,161
03-0114	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	11B / C	12.0		39,145	525	0	32,162	71,832	0
03-0125	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Juneau	205	11B / C	12.0		41,652	559	0	33,019	75,230	75,230
03-0128	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Fairbanks	N03	24F / J	12.0		110,095	0	0	56,295	166,390	166,390
03-0153	Paralegal I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	14B / C	12.0		46,690	626	0	34,740	82,056	82,056
03-0154	Attorney VI	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	99	26M / N	12.0		136,736	0	0	65,395	202,131	202,131
03-0155	Attorney III	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	22D / E	12.0		89,271	0	0	49,181	138,452	138,452
03-0159	Paralegal II	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	16D / E	12.0		58,841	789	0	38,890	98,520	98,520
03-0172	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Juneau	N05	24F	12.0		111,774	0	0	56,868	168,642	0
03-0175	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	11B / C	12.0		39,107	525	0	32,149	71,781	71,781
03-0178	Paralegal II	FT	A	GP	Juneau	205	16G	12.0		67,080	900	0	41,705	109,685	109,685
03-0188	Paralegal I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	14A / B	12.0		46,509	624	0	34,678	81,811	81,811
03-0189	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Kenai	N00	24E / F	12.0		103,847	0	0	54,160	158,007	0
03-0192	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	11B / C	12.0		38,909	522	0	32,082	71,513	71,513
03-0202	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	99	11N / O	12.0		50,255	674	0	35,957	86,886	86,886
03-0212	Attorney III	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	22D / E	12.0		89,505	0	0	49,261	138,766	20,815
03-0223	Attorney III	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	22F	12.0		92,957	0	0	50,440	143,397	143,397
03-0239	Associate Attorney I	FT	A	XE	Fairbanks	N03	17M	12.0		77,961	0	0	45,318	123,279	123,279
03-0251	Attorney V	FT	A	XE	Palmer	N00	25L / M	12.0		130,026	0	0	63,103	193,129	38,626
03-0262	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Nome	99	24M / N	12.0		172,339	0	0	75,747	248,086	0
03-0311	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	11E / F	12.0		42,618	572	0	33,349	76,539	76,539
03-0348	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Juneau	N05	24F	12.0		111,774	0	0	56,868	168,642	168,642
03-0351	Paralegal II	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	99	16N	12.0		75,992	1,020	0	44,749	121,761	121,761
03-0353	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	11E / F	12.0		42,999	577	0	33,479	77,055	77,055
03-0354	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Fairbanks	N03	24J	12.0		113,217	0	0	57,361	170,578	170,578
03-0355	Attorney II	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	20D / E	12.0		76,762	0	0	44,908	121,670	121,670
03-0356	Paralegal II	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	16C / D	12.0		56,047	752	0	37,936	94,735	94,735
03-0358	Attorney III	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	22E / F	12.0		91,214	0	0	49,845	141,059	141,059
03-0359	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	11B / C	12.0		39,475	530	0	32,275	72,280	72,280
03-0362	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	24C / D	12.0		98,161	0	0	52,218	150,379	0

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Personal Services Expenditure Detail
Department of Law

Scenario: FY2022 Governor (17280)
Component: Child Protection (2961)
RDU: Civil Division (35)

PCN	Job Class Title	Time Status	Retire Code	Barg Unit	Location	Salary Sched	Range / Step	Comp Months	Split / Count	Annual Salaries	COLA	Premium Pay	Annual Benefits	Total Costs	UGF Amount
03-0382	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	24F / J	12.0		107,889	0	0	55,541	163,430	163,430
03-0383	Attorney III	FT	A	XE	Palmer	N00	22E / F	12.0		90,007	0	0	49,433	139,440	139,440
03-0388	Attorney III	FT	A	XE	Kenai	N00	22J	12.0		95,979	0	0	51,473	147,452	147,452
03-0389	Paralegal II	FT	A	GP	Fairbanks	203	16L	12.0		73,047	980	0	43,743	117,770	117,770
03-0390	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Bethel	N50	24B / C	12.0		141,969	0	0	67,183	209,152	0
03-0393	Attorney IV	FT	A	XE	Palmer	N00	24F	12.0		106,451	0	0	55,050	161,501	161,501
03-0400	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Palmer	99	11M / N	12.0		52,459	704	0	36,710	89,873	89,873
03-0401	Paralegal II	FT	A	GP	Palmer	200	16C / D	12.0		56,482	758	0	38,085	95,325	95,325
03-0402	Paralegal II	FT	A	GP	Kenai	200	16L / M	12.0		71,976	966	0	43,377	116,319	116,319
03-0406	Associate Attorney II	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	19F	12.0		76,187	0	0	44,712	120,899	120,899
03-0407	Attorney V	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	99	25O	12.0		141,333	0	0	66,966	208,299	208,299
03-0412	Paralegal II	FT	A	GP	Palmer	200	16G / J	12.0		65,540	879	0	41,179	107,598	107,598
03-0413	Attorney V	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	25F / J	12.0		115,507	0	0	58,143	173,650	0
03-0415	Attorney V	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	25F	12.0		114,426	0	0	57,774	172,200	172,200
03-0417	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	SS	Palmer	600	11F / J	12.0		46,904	0	0	34,853	81,757	81,757
03-0421	Paralegal I	FT	A	GP	Fairbanks	203	14D / E	12.0		51,634	693	0	36,429	88,756	88,756
03-1093	Paralegal II	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	16C / D	12.0		57,090	766	0	38,292	96,148	96,148
03-1304	Law Office Assistant I	FT	A	GP	Kenai	200	11G	12.0		45,084	605	0	34,191	79,880	79,880

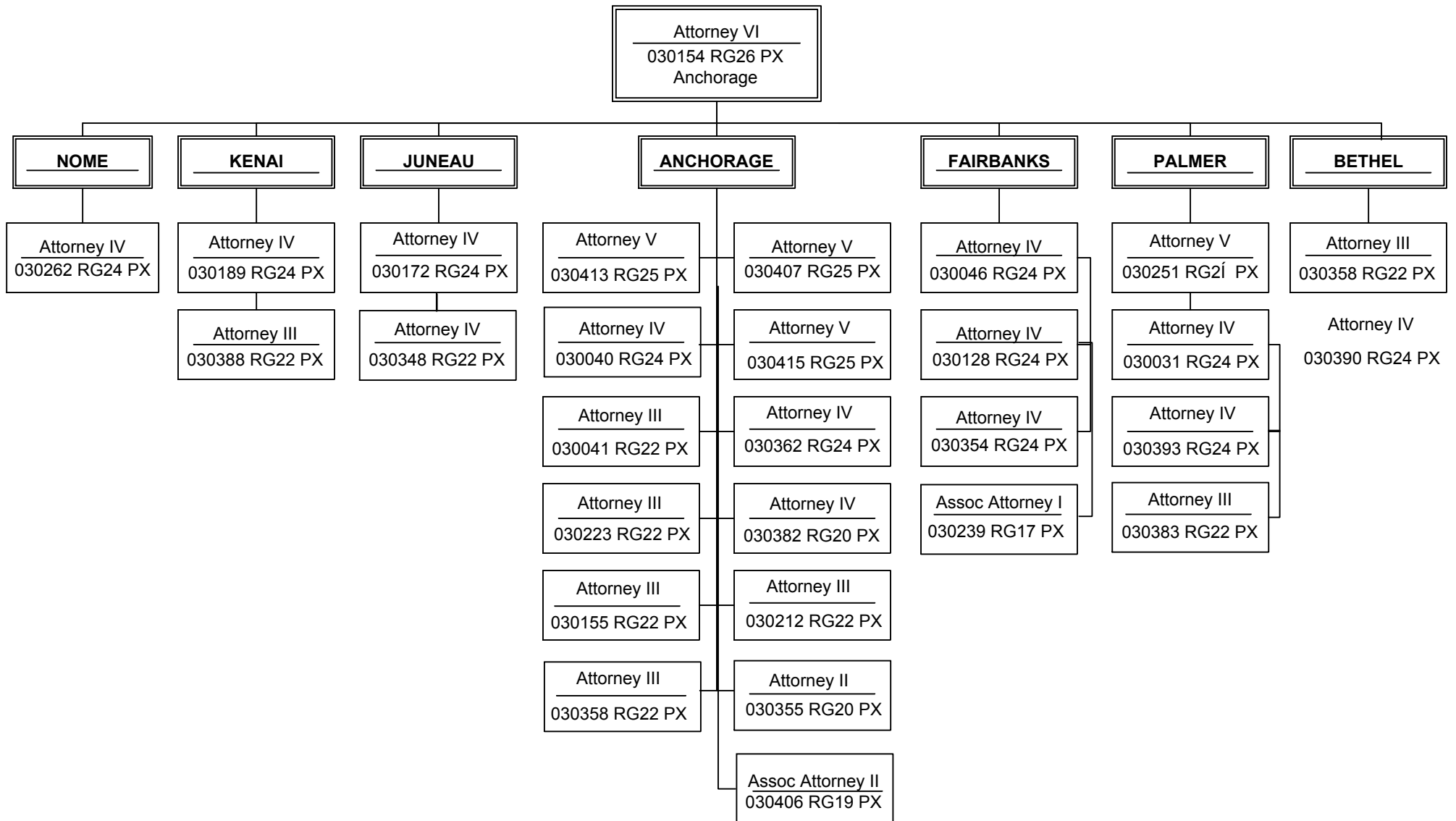
Total Positions		New	Deleted	Total Salary Costs:	4,491,684
Full Time Positions:	56	0	0	Total COLA:	17,204
Part Time Positions:	0	0	0	Total Premium Pay:	0
Non Permanent Positions:	0	0	0	Total Benefits:	2,582,013
Positions in Component:	56	0	0	Total Pre-Vacancy:	7,090,901
				Minus Vacancy Adjustment of 6.04%:	(428,001)
				Total Post-Vacancy:	6,662,900
Total Component Months:	672.0			Plus Lump Sum Premium Pay:	0
				Personal Services Line 100:	6,662,900

PCN Funding Sources:	Pre-Vacancy	Post-Vacancy	Percent
1004 General Fund Receipts	5,094,444	4,786,947	71.84%
1007 Interagency Receipts	1,996,457	1,875,953	28.16%
Total PCN Funding:	7,090,901	6,662,900	100.00%

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