



## **Legislative Update # 37 September 2, 2009**

The General Assembly met until early this morning and voted on another version of the budget for the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years. They also voted on a measure that would bond our state debt for the 2009 fiscal year. This is an action that they have taken in previous difficult fiscal times and would also allow them to use the budget surplus to help mitigate the deficit in 2010 and 2011.

We do not have many details at this time regarding the budget as adopted. We are not sure if the Governor will sign this veto it, or let it sit on her desk and go into effect. We will provide you with as much information as possible in this update but we expect to have more information over the next few weeks.

It is our understanding that the general Assembly will come in to do a Bond package, and implementation bills for the budget. We do not have dates for these sessions but will keep you posted.

### **DMHAS BUDGET**

Provides for an increase in the YAS program

Does not cut private providers 1% across the board

Provides for additional community placements for individuals with Acquired Brain Injury or Traumatic Brain Injury

Provides for caseload growth in SAGA Behavioral health

Implements DMHAS' proposals for methadone maintenance, case management and mobile respite/crisis services.

Increase in dollars for supportive housing

The budget also contained language that would require state agencies to reduce management expenditures, cut "other expenses" reduce our expenditures on personal service agreements, trim personal services, and allow the Governor to order additional cuts should the economy and the

state budget projections continue to decline. We are assessing that language and will plan accordingly.

The bill number is HB 6802 with 2 amendments. You can get more detailed information by **[Accessing Information via the Connecticut General Assembly Web Page:](#)**

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