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A Healthcare Service Agency

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October 16, 2015

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06134

Dear Secretary Barnes,

Please accept this letter as the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) response to your request for budget adjustment options for SFY 2017 in your memo dated August 11, 2015. The Department has also submitted these options through the Office of Policy and Management's budget software.

DMHAS has identified nine options for your review, eight reduction options and one revenue option that total approximately \$14.9 million in SFY 2017. The options include the reduction of new caseload growth/expansion funding in Young Adult Services, TBI Community Services, Home & Community Based Services, Hospital Discharge Fund, General Assistance Behavioral Health Program, and Housing Program. In addition, the Department is proposing to consolidate its payroll function into a centralized State or Multi-Agency Payroll unit and close one Detox Unit at Connecticut Valley Hospital. These reduction options total \$11.9 million.

The Department is proposing one revenue option. Specifically, DMHAS will expand the Targeted Case Management Program. This option totals \$3 million in new revenue.

I would also note that the Department continues to be very successful in maximizing Federal grant opportunities. In addition to the Federal Block Grants, the Department will garner approximately \$31 million dollars in Federal grant funds having the effect of reducing requests for state general fund dollars.

While these options did not reach the goal of five percent established in your memo, the Department sought to identify initiatives that we could realistically achieve and still provide the safety net necessary to the people we serve. It is also important to note, relating to the caseload growth/expansion reductions, if the September 2015 rescissions are annualized the Department would not be able to sustain further reductions to these accounts in SFY 2017, including these proposed budget reduction options. Additionally, these options will reduce services, for example the reduction of new caseload growth funding will impact the number of clients we serve in the community.

I look forward to discussing these proposed options with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, PhD
Commissioner

Agency Option Submission

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Signed (Agency Head)	Title	Date
<i>Meriam Delphin-Rettore</i>	Commissioner	10/16/15

Fund	Agency Priority	Adjustment Title	2017 Cost Adjustments	2017 Revenue Adjustments
11000 - General Fund				
	1	Expand Billing for Targeted Case Management	0	3,000,000
	2	Consolidation of Payroll Functions	845,000	0
	3	Decrease Caseload and Client Placement Funding to Several Accounts	5,700,000	0
	4	Close the 20 bed Detox Unit at CT Valley Hospital Middletown Campus	2,649,867	0
	Total		9,194,867	3,000,000
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 11000 - General Fund

Adjustment Type:

Agency Title:

Agency Description:

Agency Priority:

System ID:

SID	Agency 2017
Revenue	
	3,000,000
Total Revenue	3,000,000

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Adjustment Type:

Reductions

Agency Title:

Consolidation of Payroll Functions

Agency Description:

Description & Reason:
The Department proposes consolidating its payroll functions into a centralized State or Multi-Agency Payroll Unit. DMHAS currently has thirteen (13) positions with estimated annual salaries of \$845,000. As DMHAS has transitioned to the Self Service and Front End Scheduling paperless time recording system, most of the remaining (post centralization) payroll functions could be absorbed within another unit.

Measure of Impact:
Estimated cost savings DMHAS budget: \$845,000
Estimated cost savings Comptroller budget (fringe @ 77%): \$650,000
Total savings: \$1,495,000

Agency Priority:

2

System ID:

4644

SID	Agency 2017
Financials	
10010 - Personal Services	845,000
Total Financials	845,000
Positions	
	0
Total Positions	0

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Adjustment Type:

Reductions

Agency Title:

Decrease Caseload and Client Placement Funding to Several Accounts

Agency Description:

Description & Reason:
The Department requested additional funding in the Current Services budget for caseload growth and funds to support additional client placements for Housing Supports and Services, General Assistance Managed Care, Young Adult Services, TBI Community Services, Discharge and Diversion, and Home and Community Based Services.

It is important to note if the September 2015 rescissions are annualized the Department would not be able to sustain the caseload reductions to these accounts outlined below in SFY17. Additionally, these options will reduce services and impact the number of clients we serve in the community.

Measure of Impact:
The Department proposes to reduce the additional funding in SFY2017 in order to achieve savings. The Department estimates the savings to be \$5,700,000 in SFY2017.

Agency Priority:

3

System ID:

4645

SID	Agency 2017
Financials	
12035 - Housing Supports and Services	750,000
12220 - General Assistance Managed Care	750,000
12250 - Young Adult Services	1,000,000
12256 - TBI Community Services	500,000
12330 - Discharge and Diversion Services	1,200,000
12444 - Home and Community Based Services	1,500,000
Total Financials	5,700,000

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Adjustment Type:

Reductions

Agency Title:

Close the 20 bed Detox Unit at CT Valley Hospital Middletown Campus

Agency Description:

Description & Reason:
 The Department proposes to close its Detox Unit within the Addiction Services Division, Middletown Campus, of CT Valley Hospital. Based on an analysis of Community Providers capacity/census combined with availability of this service at many of CT's General Hospitals the Department is confident that individuals needing 4.2D (medically managed detox) or 3.7D (medically monitored detox) will be able to access these services in the community. Please note that the Department will continue to operate its 4.2D level Detox at its Blue Hills facility in Hartford.
 No layoffs will result from this option the Department will absorb effected employees through the use of vacancies and turn over.

Measure of Impact:
 Estimated cost savings DMHAS budget: \$2,649,867
 Estimated cost savings Comptroller budget (fringe @ 77%): \$2,040,397
 Total savings: \$ 4,690,264

Agency Priority:

4

System ID:

4646

SID	Agency 2017
Financials	
10010 - Personal Services	2,649,867
Total Financials	2,649,867
Positions	
	0
Total Positions	0