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Agency Technical Option Submission

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Signed (Agency Head)	Title	Date
<i>Miriam E. Delphin-Ribouin</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>12/14/17</i>

Fund	Agency Priority	Adjustment Title	FY 2019 Amount	FY 2020 Amount
11000 - General Fund				
	0		0	0
		Nursing Home Screening	0	0
	Total		0	0
Total			0	0

DMHAS SFY 2019 Budget Options

Option Type: Reallocation
Option Title: Nursing Home Screening
Estimated Savings: \$0

Description:

The Department proposes to reallocate funding from the Nursing Home Screening SID 12247 into the Managed Service System SID 12157. SID 12247 would be eliminated.

The 12247 appropriation funds an agreement between the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services and the Department of Social Services for the Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PAS/RR) as required under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987-Nursing Home Reform ACT (OBRA '87). DSS has entered into a contractual agreement with ASCEND Management Innovations to manage the PAS/RR process for the state.

As a standalone SID this account does not accurately reflect the DMHAS cost of the Nursing Home Screening contract. This reallocation will simplify management of this contract.

12157 Managed Service System	\$623,625
12247 Nursing Home Screening	(\$623,625)
Total	\$0



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December 14, 2017

Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management
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Dear Secretary Barnes:

Please accept this letter as the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' (DMHAS) response to your request for midterm budget adjustments for FY 2019 in your memo dated December 1, 2017. The Department has submitted one reallocation adjustment change to the enacted budget in the OPM midterm adjustment software.

DMHAS has also identified several options for your review to address the holdbacks of \$18.6 million applied in the FY 2018 budget that will continue in FY2019.

The proposed reduction options include the following: The Department proposes to privatize 22 Young Adult residential beds in the community. These beds are currently operated by DMHAS State Operated Local Mental Health Authorities located in Hartford, Torrington and Portland. This option will result in no layoffs as state staff will be transferred to DMHAS vacancies. Savings achieved will also be used to support reinvestment to purchase like services through a PNP in the community and address holdback targets to various accounts. The Department proposes to close 20 detoxification beds at CT Valley Hospital's Middletown Campus and purchase beds from various general hospitals and community providers. The Department believes that privatizing these beds can enhance access to Detoxification beds by distributing these beds across the state. This is also a no layoff option with staff being transferred to vacancies and savings being used to purchase services from a private provider in the community. The Department also proposes to privatize sixteen (16) mental health beds currently located at the Capitol Region Mental Health Center in Harford. This option proposes to purchase 16 respite beds in the community. Efforts will be made to keep the majority of these beds in the Hartford area. Again, this option will not result in any state employee layoffs, as staff will be transferred to DMHAS vacancies. The final option would be to close 15 geriatric beds at CT Valley Hospital's Middletown Campus and close those beds once clients are placed in the community. As in the previous options, this also will be a no layoff option as staff will be transferred to DMHAS vacancies.

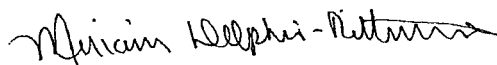
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The Department believes if these options are approved the target holdback goals allocated to the Department this fiscal year and annualized in FY 2019 can be achieved. While these reduction options do not go beyond the FY 2019 holdback targets, the Department sought to identify initiatives that are achievable and realistic while still providing services to maintain the safety net to the people we serve.

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, Ph.D.
Commissioner

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DMHAS SFY 2019 Budget Options

Option Type: Reduction
 Option Title: Restructuring (YAS Beds)
 Estimated Savings: DMHAS = \$981,152
 State = \$3,560,920

Description:

The Department proposes to privatize 22 Young Adult Services residential beds in the community. These beds are currently operated by DMHAS State Operated Local Mental Health Authorities and are located in Hartford, Torrington and Portland. No layoffs will result from this option. Savings will be achieved through transfer of staff into existing vacancies and to address anticipated turn over. Additionally, the Department will reallocate staff to achieve further overtime savings.

DMHAS	12250 YAS	\$3,111,152	
	12250 Reinvestment	(\$2,130,000)	
	Net	\$981,152	
OSC	Fringe	\$2,579,768	82.92%
Total		\$3,560,920	

DMHAS SFY 2019 Budget Options

Option Type: Reduction
 Option Title: Restructuring (CVH Middletown Detox)
 Estimated Savings: DMHAS = \$2,173,779
 State = \$4,971,316

Description:

The Department proposes to close 20 detoxification beds at CT Valley Hospital's Middletown Campus and purchase beds from various general hospitals and community not for profit providers. The Department believes that privatizing these beds will be the least disruptive approach relating to our clients and system of care. Additionally, access to detoxification beds will be enhanced, by distributing these beds across the State of CT as the nation and CT grapples with an unprecedented opioid crisis. No layoffs will result from this option. Savings will be achieved through transfer of staff into existing vacancies and to address anticipated turn over. Additionally, the Department will reallocate staff to achieve further overtime savings.

DMHAS	10010 Personal Services	\$3,373,779	
	12157 Reinvestment (1)	(\$1,200,000)	
	Net	\$2,173,779	
OSC	Fringe	\$2,797,537	82.92%
Total		\$4,971,316	

(1) In addition to these grant resources providers will be able to bill third party payors for these services.

DMHAS SFY 2019 Budget Options

Option Type: Reduction
 Option Title: Restructuring (CRMHC MH Beds)
 Estimated Savings: DMHAS = \$1,038,432
 State = \$3,226,220

Description:

The Department will privatize 16 mental health beds currently located at Capitol Region Mental Health Center in Hartford. The privatization will not result in any loss of beds in the DMHAS system, as the Department will procure for 16 respite beds. No layoffs will occur with this option. Staff will be absorbed into vacancies which will effectively reduce the need for mandatory overtime.

DMHAS	10010 Personal Services	\$2,638,432	
	12157 Reinvestment	(\$1,600,000)	
	Net	\$1,038,432	
OSC	Fringe	\$2,187,788	82.92%
Total		\$3,226,220	

DMHAS SFY 2019 Budget Options

Option Type: Reduction
 Option Title: Restructuring (CVH Geriatric Unit)
 Estimated Savings: DMHAS = \$1,014,903
 State = \$3,100,261

Description:

The Department proposes to close 15 geriatric beds at CT Valley Hospital's Middletown Campus and place patients in long term services and supports in the community. The Department believes that privatizing these services will be the least disruptive approach relating to our system of care and will provide a life in the community for patients that are clinically appropriate for discharge. Access will be enhanced as the Department distributes these services across the State of CT. No layoffs will result from this option. Savings will be achieved through transfer of staff into existing vacancies and to address anticipated turn over. Additionally, the Department will reallocate staff to achieve further overtime savings.

DMHAS	10010 Personal Services	\$2,514,903	
	12157 Reinvestment	(\$1,500,000)	
	Net	\$1,014,903	
OSC	Fringe	\$2,085,358	82.92%
Total		\$3,100,261	