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Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

Item 311	First Year - FY2007	Second Year - FY2008
Administrative and Support Services (49900)	\$33,083,876	\$34,218,119
General Management and Direction (49901)	\$10,692,241	\$12,676,484
Information Technology Services (49902)	\$2,929,172	\$2,929,172
Architectural and Engineering Services (49904)	\$806,437	\$806,437
Collection and Locator Services (49905)	\$3,238,400	\$3,238,400
Human Resources Services (49914)	\$1,070,950	\$1,070,950
Planning and Evaluation Services (49916)	\$291,000	\$291,000
Program Development and Coordination (49933)	\$14,055,676	\$13,205,676
Fund Sources:		
General	\$24,050,328	\$25,184,571
Special	\$571,115	\$571,115
Federal Trust	\$8,462,433	\$8,462,433

Authority: Title 16.1, Article 18, and Title 37.1, Chapter 1, Articles 1, 2, and 10, Chapters 10 and 11, Code of Virginia; P.L. 102-119, Federal Code.

A. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall, at the beginning of each fiscal year, establish the current capacity for each facility within the system. When a facility becomes full, the Commissioner or his designee shall give notice of the fact to all sheriffs.

B. The Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall work in conjunction with community services boards to develop and implement a graduated plan for the discharge of eligible facility clients to the greatest extent possible, utilizing savings generated from statewide gains in system efficiencies.

C. Notwithstanding § 4-5.12 of this act and paragraph C of § 2.2-1156, Code of Virginia, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services is hereby authorized to deposit the entire proceeds of the sales of surplus land at state-owned mental health and mental retardation facilities into a revolving trust fund. The trust fund may initially be used for expenses associated with restructuring such facilities. Remaining proceeds after such expenses shall be dedicated to continuing services for current patients as facility services are restructured. The trust fund will receive any savings resulting from facility restructuring. Thereafter, the fund will be used to enhance services to individuals with mental illness, mental retardation and substance abuse problems.

D. Out of this appropriation, \$2,570,847 the first year and \$2,570,847 the second year shall be provided from the

general fund for a public-private partnership pilot to secure short-term inpatient psychiatric services through competitive contracts with community-based hospitals or other private health care providers, for purposes of serving individuals closer to their homes. Pursuant to individual agreements with the department, community services boards will reduce their utilization at a selected state facility or facilities for short-term (30 days or less) acute hospitalization by a specified number of beds, and will contract by competitive bidding with community-based hospitals for short-term psychiatric inpatient services. Any savings resulting from the reduced utilization of short-term acute facility beds will be made available under agreement with the department, to permit the community services boards to contract for additional short-term psychiatric inpatient services. Specific bed utilization targets and competitive contract performance expectations will be included in the performance contracts of these community services boards.

E. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Medical Assistance Services, in cooperation with the Office of Comprehensive Services, Community Services Boards, Court Service Units, and representatives from community policy and management teams representing various regions of the Commonwealth shall develop an integrated policy and plan, including the necessary legislation and budget amendments, to provide and improve access by children, including juvenile offenders to mental health, substance abuse, and mental retardation services. The plan shall identify the services needed by children, the cost and source of funding for the services, the strengths and weaknesses of the current service delivery system and administrative structure, and recommendations for improvement. The plan shall also examine funding restrictions of the Comprehensive Services Act which impede rural localities from developing local programs for children who are often referred to private day and residential treatment facilities for services and make recommendations regarding how rural localities can improve prevention, intervention, and treatment for high-risk children and families, with the goal of broadening treatment options and improving quality and cost effectiveness. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services shall report the plan to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees by June 30 of each year.

F. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Medical Assistance Services, in cooperation with the Community Services Boards, shall select the specific substance abuse services that shall be available statewide to children and adults.

G. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall identify and create opportunities for public-private partnerships and develop the incentives necessary to establish and maintain an adequate supply of acute-care psychiatric beds for children and adolescents.

H. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, where appropriate, shall identify and create opportunities for public-private partnerships and develop the incentives necessary to establish and maintain an adequate supply of residential beds for the treatment of juveniles with mental health treatment needs, including those who are mentally retarded, aggressive, or sex offenders, and those juveniles who need short-term crisis stabilization but not psychiatric hospitalization.

I. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services, in cooperation with Community Services Boards and private service providers, shall ensure that consumers are allowed choices in selecting group home placements and services.

J. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, in cooperation with the Department of Criminal Justice Services, shall incorporate information about programs that divert individuals with mental illness, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders from jail or secure detention in the Department's web-based Internet site that is currently under development.

K. On October 1 of each year, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and

Substance Abuse Services shall submit a report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees regarding Community Services Board contracts with private service providers, to include contract amounts paid to each private provider, number of patients served, term of inpatient treatment, any savings realized by community-based treatment, and any fiscal impact on state hospitals.

L. In the event the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services pursues the utilization of a Preferred Drug List, the Commissioner shall ensure the consideration of the value of including those prescription medications which improve drug regimen compliance, reduce medication errors, or decrease medication abuse through the use of medication delivery systems that include, but are not limited to, transdermal and injectable delivery systems.

M. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall consider the feasibility of entering into a public-private partnership or contract with a vendor for the operation of clinical treatment services for the sexually violent predator program. If the department determines that a public-private partnership or contract is feasible and cost-effective, selection criteria shall be developed by the department. Such criteria may include a requirement that the vendor have ongoing experience operating sexually violent predator programs in other states. Such public-private partnership or contract, if entered into by the department, shall enable the department to contract for perimeter security, medical services, transportation, and dietary services for the program from other state agencies and facilities.

N. In the event an individual agrees to provide private funds for the provision of housing and services to the mentally retarded who are aged, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services shall submit a proposal to spend the private funds and an equivalent amount of general fund dollars for consideration by the 2007 General Assembly. The general fund amount shall not exceed \$2,000,000.

O. Out of this appropriation, \$585,381 the first year and \$585,381 the second year from the general fund shall be provided for placement and restoration services for juveniles found to be incompetent to stand trial pursuant to Title 16.1, Chapter 11, Article 18, Code of Virginia.

P. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall ensure appropriate and medically necessary access to new atypical, antipsychotic medications funded in this item.

Q. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to pay for legal and medical examinations needed for individuals living in the community and in need of guardianship services.

R. Out of this appropriation, \$148,658 the first year and \$811,861 the second year from the general fund shall be used to implement a developmental career path program for direct service associates at mental health treatment centers and mental retardation training centers. The funds shall be used to provide training and educational programs and to increase salaries to qualifying direct service associates. The department shall submit a quarterly report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees and the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources on the progress of the program, including the number of direct service associates participating at each facility.

S. Out of this appropriation, \$233,398 the first year and \$233,398 the second year from the general fund shall be used to support the Community Integration Oversight Advisory Committee.

T. Out of this appropriation, \$750,000 the first year from the general fund shall be made available to the Greater Richmond ARC to support targeted community expansion.

U. Out of this appropriation, \$100,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided for Celebrating Special Children to improve access to resource information for families of children with special needs.

