

## FY 2006 FUNDING

### FOR THE DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Excerpts from "2005-2006 Appropriations Report," Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, April, 2005, pp. 110-12.  
(Emphasis Added)

#### **Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health**

The Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) is the State's public substance abuse treatment and prevention and mental health authority. The Division has general supervision of the State Hospital in Provo. Eleven local mental health authorities deliver other mental health services. The Division contracts with county governing boards and distributes state and federal funds earmarked for mental health services. Counties are required to provide a minimum scope and level of service, and must provide a minimum 20 percent funding match. The Division also administers state and federal funds for the Department of Human Services 111 treatment and prevention of substance abuse. It contracts with the 13 local substance abuse authorities, which either provide services directly or contract with private providers.

#### **Legislative Action**

For FY 2006, the Legislature appropriated a total budget of \$112,761,500 (\$73,643,200 General Fund). This is an increase of approximately 2.3 percent in total funds and six percent in General Funds over the FY 2005 revised appropriation.

Mental health programs for FY 2006 total \$80.2 million (\$62.6 million General Fund) including \$30.8 million (\$25.5 million General Funds) for local mental health centers and community services. It also includes \$46.6 million (\$33.9 million General Fund) for the State Hospital. The Legislature increased the General Fund appropriation for the State Hospital by \$2,147,100 to reopen the fourth wing of the forensic facility which was closed several years ago as a cost saving measure. It also provided \$305,100 to enhance the management and professional staff of the forensic facility to comply with clinical and OSHA standards.

The Legislature appropriated \$2.0 million (one-time General Funds) for use by local mental health centers for services to non-Medicaid eligible clients. These clients had been receiving services

funded by Medicaid capitated rate receipts that exceeded actual costs experienced by Medicaid clients. Recent Medicaid policy changes disallowed this use of funds after 2004.

Other funding items include: \$50,000 in on-going General Funds to replace a one-time appropriation for pre-school autism programs; funds for PASRR evaluations required of all persons entering nursing homes (\$349,900); and funds for increased court ordered competency evaluations (\$67,600). The FMAP rate change impact to this Division is \$120,100. Local mental health authorities also received \$314,900 in State funds for a two percent cost of living adjustment for employees of local mental health service providers.

Substance abuse funding for FY 2006 appropriated by the Legislature total \$30.1 million (\$9.8 million General Fund). This includes an FY 2006 appropriation of \$163,500 for a two percent cost of living adjustment for local service providers' staff, including providers of pre-school autism programs.

For FY 2005, the Legislature appropriated \$365,700 to prevent a reduction in the federal substance abuse and prevention block grant due to the State being "in failure" of maintaining its state program support.

#### **Intent Language**

The Legislature authorized the Division to not lapse up to \$65,000 at the end of FY 2005 to be used for the purchase of computer equipment and software, capital equipment and improvements, and equipment or supplies. It also directed the Division and local mental health centers to use funds appropriated to replace the loss of Medicaid funds used for non-Medicaid indigent clients be used solely for that purpose. Other language directed the Division to identify critical issues related to providing mental health services to people with a hearing disability.