

DHS - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (735)

FY2016

As Enacted by Act 981 of 2015

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Division consists of four primary functional units: Central Administration, Arkansas State Hospital, Arkansas Health Center, and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program. The Division also provides services by awarding federal grants and state funds to thirteen (13) private, non-profit Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs).

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$181,575,578 in FY2016.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The budget is funded with General Revenue (54%), Federal funding (14%) & from other revenues (32%).

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

- The **Community Alcohol Safety Operations** appropriation, funded by Special Revenue and Administration of Justice Funds - \$4,094,167, which includes:
  - Grants and Aid increase of \$1,130,252 to be used in the event that future funding becomes available
- The **Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention** appropriation, funded by General, Federal, Administrative of Justice Funds, and Other Revenues - \$21,775,000, which includes:
  - \$3,048,116 increase to be used in the event additional funding becomes available
- The **Mental Health Grants** appropriation, funded by Federal Revenues - \$9,789,616, which includes:
  - \$3.5 million increase, change of name (From Mental Health Block Grants to Mental Health Grants) and type of account (from federal to Grants Paying) in order to allow for appropriation from federal and other funding sources
  - \$362,551 increase for a federal grant received during the interim
- The **Division of Behavioral Health Services Operations and Grants** appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Other Revenues - \$130,578,851 with an increase of \$13,700,914, which includes:
  - Regular Salaries increase of \$2,490,874 and Personal Services Matching increase of \$1,088,307 for the restoration of 98 previously authorized positions to guarantee appropriate staffing levels at the Division's 24/7 patient care facilities and the addition of one position to fulfill the requirements of a federal grant received during the interim.
  - The following Maintenance and Operations categories increased

due to the addition of a federal grant program:

- Operating Expenses - \$31,386
- Conference Fees and Travel - \$8,352
- Grants/Patient Services increase of \$7,082,095 for the implementation of a new Crisis Services System and additional appropriation to be used in the event that future funding becomes available.
- Capital Outlay \$3,000,000 continuation of previous appropriation level in each year for unexpected equipment expenses.
- The **Canteens-Cash** appropriation, funded by Cash Funds - \$349,048, which includes:
  - Operating Expenses increase of \$175,000 due to terms of a new food service contract at the State Hospital.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions: 1,168)**

Total Authorized Positions for FY2016: 1,169

Total Base Level Positions for FY2015: 1,070

Increase/(Decrease) over Base Level: 99

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 336 (Total FY2015 Extra Help: 336)

Restoration of 98 previously authorized positions to provide for needs and flexibility of staffing for the Division's 24/7 patient care facilities

Reclassification of one position to a different title and grade

Addition of one position to fill federal grant received during interim

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

- **AMENDED LANGUAGE - ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS:** Allocates to the 13 Community Mental Health Centers funding for State Assistance in the Behavioral Health Services. ***Amended to reflect allocations based on most recent decennial census data.***
- **ALLOCATION RESTRICTION AND TRANSFER PROVISION:** Allocations made to the CMHC's are the maximum amounts to be expended. Transfers of allocated amounts between programs can be authorized by the DHS Director for emergencies.
- **LEGISLATIVE AUDIT:** CMHC's receiving state funds must be audited by Legislative Audit.
- **APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS:** State funds are to be allocated to CMHC's on a \$3.06 per capita basis. Additional funds allocated on fifty cents (\$.50) per capita basis.
- **CONDITIONS FOR FUNDS:** Specifies the conditions that must be met by certified CMHC's before receiving funds.
- **FEDERAL FUNDS:** If the Division receives additional federal

funding it is to be used to reduce general revenue spending.

- **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES-SPECIAL RATES OF PAY:** Provides for medical doctors whereby physicians and psychologists may receive special allowances which are also available to UAMS physicians and professional faculty, with the allowance not to exceed two and one half times the salary authorized by the General Assembly.
- **VOCATIONAL TRAINEES:** Authorizes the Division to provide employment opportunities for working residents who are not part of the regular vocational training program on a cash account basis.
- **JOB SHARE:** Provides that the Division may use job share for nursing classification positions for up to 24 hours per week per individual.
- **STATE HOSPITAL CONTINGENCY POSITIONS:** Provides that DHS may request establishment of positions to assume the management of the Arkansas State Hospital in the event it is deemed necessary to discontinue a private management contract. The position request must receive DFA approval and prior Legislative Council review.
- **ARKANSAS HEALTH CENTER:** Prevents the closer of the Arkansas Health Center, to continue to accept clients in accordance with federal law, and to prevent the transfer or reduction of the Arkansas Health center appropriation.
- **EXTRA HELP:** Extra Help positions can not receive an amount more than 85% of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position and not work more than 1800 hours in any fiscal year.
- **APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS:** State funds are to be allocated to the 13 CMHC's on a per capita basis of \$3.48 each year for inpatient care for indigent patients.
- **REPORTING:** Community Mental Health Centers shall report quarterly to the Division of Behavioral Health Services regarding certain data. DHS reports quarterly to Public Health.
- **ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES-PER CAPITA - LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT:** Provides an appropriation to be used by the Community Mental Health Centers for Acute Mental Health Services.
- **TIMBER AND HAY SALES PROCEEDS:** Allows the sale of timber and hay from any DBHS land for major capital equipment, capital improvements, and the centers operation from which

the timber or hay is sold.

- **DELETED LANGUAGE** ~~ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND: \$250,000 each year is to be first allocated to the Little Rock Community Mental Health Center and the remaining balance is to be allocated to the community mental health centers on a per-capita basis.~~ No longer appears in bill.
- **SPECIAL RATES OF PAY AND EMPLOYMENT WORK DAYS:** Authorizes the Division of Behavioral Health Director to implement salary adjustments utilizing the pay grid used by the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf for Certified Bachelors Teachers and Certified Masters Teachers employed at the Arkansas State Hospital. The number of work days for the employment year is set to equal the number of days worked by the same classifications at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf.