

DHS - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (735)
FISCAL YEAR 2018
As enacted by Acts 840, 1027 and 913 of 2017

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 recommendations for appropriations are \$175,745,758 with increases of \$22,775,190.

FUNDING SOURCES

The budget is funded with general revenue, federal funding, & other revenues.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

State Operations

The recommendation for this appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Other Revenues, is for \$122,741,773 in FY2018 with increases of \$7,785,360, including the following changes:

- **Regular Salaries** increases of \$797,557 and **Personal Services Matching** increases of \$549,407 for the restoration of previously unfunded positions.
- **Operating Expenses** increases of \$2,588,396 to accommodate increased operating and contract costs at the Arkansas State Hospital and Arkansas Health Center
- **Professional Fees** increases of \$3.6 million to accommodate increased operating and contract costs at the Arkansas State Hospital and Arkansas Health Center
- **Capital Outlay** line item of \$250,000 for unexpected equipment expenses.

Community Alcohol Safety Operations

The recommendation for this appropriation, funded by the Special Revenues and the Administration of Justice Fund, is \$4,061,509 which is an increase of \$1,742,362 to be used should additional funding become available.

Mental Health Grants

The recommendation for this appropriation, funded by federal revenues, is for \$9,789,616 which is an increase of \$2,447,468 to be used should additional funding become available.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention

The recommendation for this appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Other Revenues is for \$24,270,069 which is an increase of \$3,500,000 to be used should additional funding become available.

****NEW APPROPRIATION** Community Based Crisis Intervention**

Governor's Letter #12 added this appropriation as part of the prison reform initiative to allow the agency to use funds for crisis stabilization centers to remove the mentally ill from the criminal justice system. The appropriation is \$5 million funded from general revenues and federal funds.

****APPROPRIATION TO BE DELETED** Canteens - Cash**

The agency has requested the discontinuation of this appropriation since these services have been contracted out and are being paid from the Operations appropriation. The FY2017 appropriation was for \$349,048. ***Does not appear in the bill.***

****APPROPRIATION TO BE DELETED** Juvenile Drug Courts**

The agency has requested the discontinuation of this appropriation. The general revenues associated with this appropriation were never allocated for this purpose. The requirements of substantive legislation associated with this are met through substance abuse treatment contracts with providers. The FY2017 appropriation was for \$500,000. ***Does not appear in the bill.***

Act 1027 **NEW APPROPRIATION Suicide Prevention Services**

Adds a \$2.3 million appropriation for Suicide Prevention Services.

Act 913 (HB1289)

This division has been combined with the Division of Aging and Adult Services per Act 913 of 2017 as part of the agency's reorganization and will be renamed the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services. The two divisions will appear in the same bill beginning in FY2019.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total Authorized Positions FY2017: 1,167)

Total Positions for FY2018: 1,079

Total Base Level Positions: 1,066

Increase(Decrease): 13 - Discontinuation/transfer out of (27) positions, restoration of 40 unfunded positions.

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 335 (Base Level Extra Help: 335)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- ****LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED** ALLOCATION RESTRICTIONS:** Allocates to the 13 Community Mental Health Centers funding for State Assistance in Community Mental Health Centers appropriation. ***Does not appear in the bill.***
- ****LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED** 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 and must be reported to the Legislative Council. ***Does not appear in the bill.***
- ****LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED** LEGISLATIVE AUDIT:** CMHC's receiving state funds must be audited by Legislative Audit. ***Does not appear in the bill.***
- ****LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED** APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS:** State funds appropriated in the State Assistance section are to be allocated to CMHC's on a \$3.06 per capita basis. Additional funds allocated on fifty cents (\$.50) per capita basis or one to one state/local matching basis. Requires the total allocation or as much as is available to be distributed. ***Does not appear in the bill.***
- ****LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED** CONDITIONS FOR FUNDS:** Specifies the conditions that must be met by certified CMHC's before receiving funds. ***Does not appear in the bill.***
- **FEDERAL FUNDS:** If the Division receives additional federal funding it is to be used to reduce general revenue spending, except where prohibited by law.
- **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES-SPECIAL RATES OF PAY:** Provides for physicians and psychologists to 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 the 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/Joint Budget Committee review.

- **ARKANSAS HEALTH CENTER:** Prevents the closure of the Arkansas Health Center, requires the AHC to continue to continue to accept clients needing skilled nursing or specialized services, and prevents the transfer or reduction of the Arkansas Health center appropriation without the prior approval of ALC/JBC.
- **EXTRA HELP:** Provides that extra help positions cannot 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.
- ****LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED** APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS:** State funds are to be allocated to the 13 CMHC's up to \$3.48 per capita each year for inpatient care for indigent patients. ***Does not appear in the bill.***
- ****LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED** REPORTING:** Community Mental Health Centers shall report certain data on a quarterly basis to the Division of Behavioral Health Services. DHS reports this data quarterly to House and Senate Public Health committees. ***Does not appear in the bill.***
- ****LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED** ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES-PER CAPITA - LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT:** Provides legislative rationale for the appropriation used by the Community Mental Health Centers for Acute Mental Health Services within the community. ***Does not appear in the bill.***
- **TIMBER AND HAY SALES PROCEEDS:** Allows the sale of timber and hay from any DBHS land for major capital equipment, capital improvements, and the center's operation from which the timber or hay is sold. Also requires approval of contracts to harvest by PEER committee and reporting of proceeds from the harvest to ALC/JBC
- **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 with the same accrual and use of

sick, personal and holidays. Allows a one-time option to employees hired before 7/1/13 to choose between the pre 7/1/13 options or to operate under the provisions set forth in this section. Employees hired after 7/1/13 will be governed by the provisions set forth in this section.