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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 9:16-a, Transfers Authorized, the Department of Health and Human Services, Hampstead Hospital & Residential Treatment Facility is requesting to transfer funds in the amount of $17,249,732 and create a new expenditure class code, effective July 1, 2024, upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2025. 32% General Funds, 68% Other Revenue.

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State Fiscal Year 2025				
CLASS OBJ	CLASS TITLE	SFY 2025 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
001- 484947-69	Transfer from Other Agencies	$ 4,032,736	$ -	$ 4,032,736
009- 405921-68	Agency Income	$ 20,602,968	$ -	$ 20,602,968
	General Fund	$ 9,120,437	$ -	$ 9,120,437
	Total Revenue	**$ 33,756,141**	**$ -**	**$ 33,756,141**
010-500100	Personal Services-Perm Class	$ 1,566,317	$ -	$ 1,566,317
012-500128	Personal Services-Unclassified	$ 758,395	$ -	$ 758,395
018-500106	Overtime	$ 340,000	$ 200,000	$ 540,000
019-500105	Holiday Pay	$ 2,125	$ -	$ 2,125
020-500200	Current Expenses	$ 25,000	$ -	$ 25,000
023-500291	Heat- Electricity - Water	$ 561,235	$ -	$ 561,235
024-500225	Maint Other Than Build-Grn	$ 147,054	$ -	$ 147,054
026-500251	Organizational Dues	$ 42,000	$ -	$ 42,000
030-500301	Equipment New/Replacement	$ 350,000	$ -	$ 350,000
037-500166	Technology - Hardware	$ 10,000	$ -	$ 10,000
038-500175	Technology - Software	$ 5,000	$ -	$ 5,000
039-500180	Telecommunications	$ 10,000	$ -	$ 10,000
042-500620	Additional Fringe Benefits	$ 186,462	$ -	$ 186,462
047-500240	Own Forces Maintenance (Bldg-Grnds)	$ 112,989	$ -	$ 112,989
048-500226	Contractual Maint.-Build.-Grnds	$ 292,821	$ -	$ 292,821
049-584293	Transfer to Other State Agenci	$ 150,000	$ -	$ 150,000
050-500109	Personal Services Temp	$ -	$ 11,017,925	$ 11,017,925
057-500533	Books, Periodicals, Subscripti	$ 2,500	$ -	$ 2,500
060-500612	Benefits	$ 1,512,950	$ 5,836,807	$ 7,349,757
061-500536	Unemployment Compensation	$ 856	$ -	$ 856
062-500537	Workers Compensation	$ 5,000	$ 195,000	$ 200,000
066-500556	Employee Training	$ 14,000	$ -	$ 14,000
070-500700	In-State Travel Reimbursement	$ 12,000	$ -	$ 12,000
080-500710	Out-of-State Travel	$ 3,500	$ -	$ 3,500
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	$ 27,645,937	$ (17,249,732)	$ 10,396,205
	Total Expenses	**$ 33,756,141**	**$ -**	**$ 33,756,141**

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to transfer funds to allow the Department to bring certain employees at Hampstead Hospital & Residential Treatment Facility (HHRTF) under the employment of the State of New Hampshire. Currently, these individuals are either employed or subcontracted by Wellpath Recovery Solutions, LLC (Wellpath), which is contractually obligated to provide inpatient behavioral health services at HHRTF.

The original contract with Wellpath, approved by Governor and Council on May 4, 2022 (Tabled Item #11A), requires Wellpath to provide services through June 30, 2024. The agreement was approved for a two-year period with the understanding that the Department would competitively bid the subsequent contract for the period beginning July 1, 2024. Consequently, the Department released a request for proposals in November 2023 for the provision of behavioral health services at HHRTF and received two (2) responses. Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital was selected as the highest scoring vendor. During resulting contract negotiations, the Department and Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital mutually agreed that amending an existing contract with New Hampshire Hospital to add behavioral health services at HHRTF would result in greater efficiencies and overall improved service outcomes. The parties agreed that this approach will allow the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital to utilize the successful service model deployed at both New Hampshire Hospital and Glencliff Home, as well as leverage certain positions required within the contract across facilities.

To effectuate that agreement, the Department needs to expeditiously hire existing Wellpath employees into the State to ensure children and young adults continue to receive psychiatric inpatient and residential behavioral health services at HHRTF. The contract the Department submitted to the Governor and Council for consideration requires Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital to provide inpatient psychiatric services to children, adolescents, and young adults admitted on either a voluntary or involuntary basis, as well as Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility services for children and adolescents. This includes providing the Chief Medical Officer, General Medical Director, Staff Psychiatrists and Psychiatric Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Staff Psychiatrist, Psychiatric Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and Behavioral Analyst.

Through this action, the Department seeks to transfer funds and create an expense class code. This action will ensure that funding is available in the correct expense classes to pay salaries, benefits, and other costs associated with hiring the remaining positions required to maintain existing service levels at HHRTF, which includes, but is not limited to the following positions:

- Counselors/Counselor Aides
- Safety Ambassadors
- Pharmacists/Technicians
- Programming
- Registered Nurses/Supervisors
- Social Workers
- Administrative Support
- Milieu Supervisors

The Department anticipates approximately 890 children and young adults will be served in State Fiscal 2025.

The following appropriation adjustments are being requested:

- *Class 018 – Overtime*: Increase funds to support anticipated overtime necessary for sufficient 24/7 shift coverage in SFY 2025.

- *Class 050 – Personal Service-Temp/Appointe:* Increase funds to support the establishment of positions necessary to support HHRTF 24/7 operations.

- *Class 060 – Benefits:* Increase funds sufficient to support projected benefit costs in SFY 2025.

- *Class 062 – Workers Compensation:* To cover workers compensation costs.

- *Class 102 - Contracts for Program Services:* Decrease the class line in an amount sufficient to cover increases in classes 018, 050, 060, and 062. Funds are available in this contract line as the new contract costs in SFY 2025 are lower than budgeted amounts.

The following is provided in accordance with the Budget Officer's instructional memorandum, dated April 17, 1985, in support of the requested actions:

1. Does the transfer involve continuing programs or one-time projects?
   Transfers are for continuing programs.

2. Is this transfer required to maintain existing program level or will it increase program level?
   Transfers are to maintain existing program levels.

3. Cite any requirements, which make this program necessary.
   RSA 126-A:1, Declaration of Purpose, specifies the Department is responsible to provide an integrated, administrative structure of the design and delivery of a comprehensive and coordinated system of health and human services which is family-centered and community based for the citizens of New Hampshire.

4. Identify the source of funds on all account listed on this transfer.
   General and Other Funds.

5. Will there be any effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?
   If this request is not approved the Department would be unable to continue to provide the current level of services, which would result in an indeterminable decrease in Other revenue (e.g., billing revenue).

6. Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?
   No.

7. Are personal services involved?
   Yes, the Department seeks to transfer funds as a prerequisite to establish full-time and part-time temporary positions.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 32% General Funds, 68% Other Funds.

In the event that Other Funds become no longer available, general funds may be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Commissioner