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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, II, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health to transfer funds in the amount of \$581,758 and create new expenditure classes for positions that are being established for the Bureau of Mental Health Services and Bureau for Children's Behavioral Health to support the management and quality oversight of the behavioral health crisis system and children's residential programs, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approvals through June 30, 2025. Funding source: 100% General Funds.

**05-95-92-921010-2052 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS  
 DEPT OF, HHS: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIV, BUR FOR CHILDRENS BEHAVRL HLTH,  
 CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Class	Description	Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised Adjusted Authorized
000 - 400146 - 16	Federal Funds	\$446,054	\$0	\$446,054
	General Funds	\$837,351	\$240,783	\$1,078,134
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,283,405</b>	<b>\$240,783</b>	<b>\$1,524,188</b>
010 - 500100	Personal Services Perm Clas	\$767,264	\$0	\$767,264
018 - 500106	Overtime	\$2,240	\$0	\$2,240
020 - 500200	Current Expenses	\$2,750	\$0	\$2,750
030 - 500301	Equipment New Replacement	\$250	\$0	\$250
039 - 500188	Telecommunications	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500
041 - 500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$421	\$0	\$421
042 - 500260	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$43,047	\$0	\$43,047
050 - 500109	Personal Service Temp Appoi	\$0	\$162,611	\$162,611
060 - 500601	Benefits	\$455,034	\$78,172	\$533,206

066 - 500543	Employee Training	\$700	\$0	\$700
070 - 500704	In State Travel Reimburseme	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200
080 - 500710	Out Of State Travel Reimb	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,283,405</b>	<b>\$240,783</b>	<b>\$1,524,188</b>

**05-95-92-922010-4117 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS  
 DEPT OF, HHS: BEHAVIORAL HEATHLH DIV, BUREAU OF MENTAL HEALTH  
 SERVICES,CMH PROGRAM SUPPORT**

Class	Description	Current Adjusted Authorized	Requested Action	Revised Adjusted Authorized
000 - 408147 - 16	Federal Funds	\$1,874,196	\$0	\$1,874,196
009 - 407150 - 12	Agency Income	\$3,726	\$0	\$3,726
	General Funds	\$80,917,967	(\$240,783)	\$80,677,184
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$82,795,889</b>	<b>(\$240,783)</b>	<b>\$82,555,106</b>
010 - 500100	Personal Services Perm Clas	\$688,109	\$0	\$688,109
012 - 500128	Personal Services Unclassif	\$220,095	\$0	\$220,095
020 - 500200	Current Expenses	\$16,250	\$0	\$16,250
021 - 502668	Food Institutions	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
026 - 500251	Organizational Dues	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000
030 - 500301	Equipment New Replacement	\$250	\$0	\$250
039 - 500188	Telecommunications	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
041 - 500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$443	\$0	\$443
042 - 500260	Additional Fringe Benefits	\$31,936	\$0	\$31,936
050 - 500109	Personal Service Temp Appoi	\$0	\$227,292	\$227,292
060 - 500601	Benefits	\$457,297	\$113,683	\$570,980
066 - 500543	Employee Training	\$500	\$0	\$500
067 - 500560	Training of Providers	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
070 - 500704	In State Travel Reimburseme	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
080 - 500710	Out Of State Travel Reimb	\$2,600	\$0	\$2,600
102 - 500731	Contracts For Program Servi	\$81,351,409	(\$581,758)	\$80,769,651
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$82,795,889</b>	<b>(\$240,783)</b>	<b>\$82,555,106</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The Division for Behavioral Health (DBH) has experienced significant growth in the array of services available for adults and youth. The state's expanded behavioral health crisis response system, NH Rapid Response, launched in January of 2022 to serve individuals across the age continuum. The crisis services system has evolved to now include a 24/7 contracted crisis contact center and deployment of specialty

trained behavioral health crisis responders into communities to provide mobile crisis interventions aimed to reduce utilization of emergency departments. The DBH is also supporting the roll-out of behavioral health crisis stabilizations centers:

DBH has also worked to transform residential treatment within the children's behavioral health system of care in accordance with RSA 135-F and RSA 170-G (2019). The children's behavioral health system of care helps to meet the needs of children and youth with complex behavioral health needs and other co-occurring needs, including ensure adequate access to high-quality residential treatment when indicated.

The systemic growth of behavioral health services for adults and youth requires additional staff to maintain quality and contract oversight. Specifically, DBH requests five positions to focus on:

- Oversight of contracts for crisis stabilization centers and quality assurance of the statewide crisis system in the DBH, Bureau of Mental Health Services (1 position)
- Implementation, monitoring and evaluation, quality improvement, and technical assistance for contractors that deliver behavioral health crisis services across the age continuum on behalf of the state and the DBH, Bureau of Mental Health services. (2 positions)
- Oversight of contracts and certification of residential treatment programs for youth with responsibilities to include certification, quality assurance and technical assistance for out-of-state providers in the Bureau for Children's Behavioral Health. (2 positions)

The positions will be established based on RSA 21-I:54, New Positions and Reclassification of Positions, once the funds are transferred to the appropriate class lines.

Funds are being adjusted in the following classes:

Class 050, Personal Service Temp – Appropriations are needed for the five (5) temporary full-time positions: Crisis Services Specialist (Prog Planning & Review Spec), Program Quality Assurance Specialist (Prog Planning & Review Spec), Quality & Implementation Specialist, Social Services-Community Manager (Administrator II), and Social Services Specialist (Prog Planning & Review Spec)

Class 060, Benefits – Appropriations are needed for the five (5) temporary full-time positions: Crisis Services Specialist (Prog Planning & Review Spec), Program Quality Assurance Specialist (Prog Planning & Review Spec), Quality & Implementation Specialist, Social Services-Community Manager (Administrator II), and Social Services Specialist (Prog Planning & Review Spec)

Class 102, Contracts for Program Services – Fund are available due to realignment of budgeted funds based on updated needs.

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 135-F, System of Care for Children's Mental Health, RSA 135-C Community Mental Health Center Services, RSA 167:3-1, Public Assistance, RSA 170-G, Services for Children, Youth & Families

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- 4) *Identify the source of funds on all account listed on this transfer.* 100% General Funds
- 5) *Will there be an effect on revenue if this transfer is approved or disapproved?* This is a 100% General Funds transfer, there will be no effect on revenue.
- 6) *Are funds expected to lapse if this transfer is not approved?* Yes.
- 7) *Are personnel services involved?* Yes, there are personal services involved. Five (5) temporary full-time positions as Crisis Services Specialist (Prog Planning & Review Spec), Program Quality Assurance Specialist (Prog Planning & Review Spec), Quality & Implementation Specialist, Social Services-Community Manager (Administrator II), and Social Services Specialist (Prog Planning & Review Spec) will be created.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% General Funds

Respectfully Submitted,



for:

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Commissioner