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DIVISION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health to budget and expend prior year carry forward Mental Health Data Collection funds in the amount of $18,200 to conduct the annual Public Mental Health Consumer Survey, effective upon the date of Governor and Executive Council approval, through June 30, 2025, and further authorize the funds to be allocated as follows. 100% Other Funds.

05-95-92-922010-41210000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT, HHS: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIV, BUREAU OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH DATA COLLECTION

Class Obj	Class Title	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	Revised Modified Budget
009 – 407079 - 44	Agency Income	$193,751	$18,200	$211,951
	Total Revenue	**$193,751**	**$18,200**	**$211,951**
080 - 500710	Out of State Travel Reimbursement	$1	$0	$1
102 - 500731	Contracts for Program Services	$193,750	$18,200	$211,950
	Total Expense	**$193,751**	**$18,200**	**$211,951**

EXPLANATION

The Division for Behavioral Health receives Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funding to support data collection and systems that guide the improvement of mental health services. This budget and expend request seeks to add appropriations to conduct the annual Public Mental Health Consumer Survey, as required by SAMSHA. This annual survey collects voluntary, anonymous responses from randomly selected adults and family members of children receiving mental health services throughout the ten Community Health Centers (CMHCs). Data is collected on indicators such as access, participation in treatment planning, quality of services, social connectedness, functioning, outcomes, general satisfaction, health and wellness and self-determination. Results are reported at an aggregate statewide and regional basis. The purpose of the survey is two-fold: one, to gather input from adults and parents of children who use or have used public mental health services to inform quality improvement efforts at the CMHCs, and two, to gather data required by SAMHSA to fulfill New Hampshire's Community Mental Health Services Block Grant requirements.

Carryforward funds are available for budgeting because in prior years obligations were not fully expended, allowing the funds to be brought forward for use. The CMHC obligations have already been contracted for this state fiscal year, therefore the addition of these funds may not be used for that purpose. The intention of this budget and expend is to support the renewal amendment with the vendor that manages the Public Mental Health Consumer Survey on behalf of the Department.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

Class 102 Contracts for Program Services, is used for contracts with the Community Mental Health Centers and a contractor to continue conducting the annual Public Mental Health Consumer Survey, as required by the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Funds: 100% Other Funds

In the event that Other funds become no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support the program expenditures.

Respectfully Submitted,

for:

Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner