

# Department of Mental Health

## Community Expansion Funds

### What are Community Expansion Funds?

For the past four fiscal years, the Mississippi Legislature has appropriated funds to the Mississippi Department of Mental Health to expand community-based services that have improved the State of Mississippi's compliance with the Olmstead decision of the United States Supreme Court.

A total of \$16.1 million in general funds was appropriated to DMH in FY 2017. The same amount of \$16.1 million is requested for FY2018. With these funds, new services and supports have been added to the public mental health system as well as the expansion of current services. These funds are provided in the form of grants to Community Mental Health Centers, private providers, and DMH Programs.

As noted below, DMH has established Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams in different areas of the state, funded Mobile Crisis Response Teams at 14 CMHCs that serve people throughout the state, and has utilized these funds to meet the Medicaid match requirements of people now served in the community through the Home and Community Based Services program (Medicaid Waiver).

DMH respectfully requests that these funds be continued to ensure that these services to people throughout the state are sustained.

### What services and supports are being provided with the \$16.1 million?

#### *Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCeRT)*

MCeRTs provide community-based crisis services that deliver solution-focused and recovery-oriented behavioral health assessments and stabilization of crisis in the location where the person is experiencing the crisis. The Teams work hand-in-hand with local law enforcement, Chancery Judges and Clerks, and the Crisis Stabilization Units to ensure a seamless process.

Without mobile crisis intervention, a person experiencing a crisis may be inappropriately and unnecessarily placed in a jail, holding facility, hospital, or inpatient treatment program. The goal is to respond in a timely manner to where the person is experiencing the crisis or meet the person at a designated location such as the local hospital. These services are available statewide through the 14 CMHCs and are available to all populations.

#### FY16 MCeRT Data



### *Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Teams*

PACT is an individual-centered, recovery-oriented, mental health service delivery model for facilitating community living, psychological rehabilitation and recovery for persons who have the most severe and persistent mental illnesses and have not benefited from traditional outpatient services. PACT Teams serve people who may have gone without appropriate services.

PACT Teams are mobile and deliver services in the community to enable a person to live in their own residence instead of expecting a person to come to a program location.

Mississippi now has eight PACT Teams operated by the following CMHCs: Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Services, Life Help, Pine Belt Mental Health (operates two PACT – one on the Gulf Coast), Hinds Behavioral Health, Weems Community Mental Health Center, Region III Mental Health Center and Timber Hills Mental Health Services.

In FY16, a total of 248 people received PACT services. There were 85 new admission in FY16.

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### **What services and supports are being provided with the \$16.1 million?**

#### ***IDD Waiver Slots***

Mississippi's ID/DD Waiver provides individualized supports to people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to assist them in living successfully at home and in the community. These Medicaid funded supports are designed to provide people with meaningful days consisting of activities of the person's choice. In FY14, a total of 291 people were added to the ID/DD Waiver allowing people to be served at home. In FY15, an additional 206 people were enrolled in the Waiver and an additional 326 people were enrolled in the Waiver in FY16.

Since FY12, the Waiver has been increased with 1,173 additional slots, allowing people to be served in the community and their homes.

At the close of FY 16, there were 2,503 people receiving services through the Waiver. The number on the Waiver Planning List is approximately 1,400.

#### ***IDD Crisis Beds***

In FY14, a total of nine out-of-home regional crisis beds for people with IDD were established as part of the community in the Magee area. These beds are operated by Boswell Regional Center. Since March 2014, a total of 59 people have been served in these short-term stabilization beds. Additional crisis beds were established in FY16 in South Mississippi.

#### ***Wraparound Facilitation for Children and Youth***

In partnership with the Division of Medicaid and the University of Southern Mississippi's School of Social Work, DMH created the Mississippi Wraparound Initiative (MWI) to train, support and sustain high-fidelity Wraparound in the State. Wraparound Facilitation is family and youth guided and provides intensive services to allow children and youth to remain in their homes and community.

In FY 16, 462 Wraparound Facilitators were trained. 11 DMH certified providers served 2,960 children/youth with Wraparound Facilitation.

#### ***Supported Employment for People with SMI***

In January 2015, DMH provided funding to develop four pilot sites to offer Supported Employment to 75 people with mental illness. The sites are located in Community Mental Health Center Regions 2, 7, 10 and 12. In FY16, the DMH Supported Employment Pilot Program assisted 108 people on their road to recovery by helping them to become employed in the openly competitive job market.

Supported Employment, an evidenced-based way to help people diagnosed with mental illnesses secure and keep employment, begins with the idea that every person with a serious mental illness is capable of working competitively in the community.

DMH believes that work plays a critical role in improving quality of life and mental health outcomes of the people we serve as part of their recovery journey.

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