

Mississippi Department of *Mental Health*

— FY2019 Budget Request —

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health's (DMH) consolidated budget includes all budget units under DMH. DMH is requesting restoration of the \$3,116,446 (1.37%) LBR reduction in state support funding. This includes general funds in the amount of \$207,763,132 and healthcare funds in the amount of \$18,951,886. DMH is also requesting level special fund spending authority (same as FY18) in the amount of \$356,422,737, for a total budget request of \$583,137,755.

- With state support level funding (same as FY18), DMH plans to shift \$10 million from the institutional budgets to the Service Budget to expand evidence-based/best practice services in the community to reduce reliance on institutional care. Of the \$10 million, \$8 million will be granted to the 14 Community Mental Health Centers for expansion of crisis services and purchase of services. The remaining \$2 million will be used to expand the ID/DD Home and Community Based Waiver.
- Due to DMH's efforts to streamline services over the last two years, the agency can now shift funds from institutional care to expand community-based services that will help serve people in the most independent environments possible.
- With state source level funding, DMH will continue efforts such as expansion of community services for people with mental illnesses, jail-based restoration, development of supervised living for people currently in institutions, expansion of ID/DD (Intellectual Disabilities/ Developmental Disabilities) Waiver slots, restructuring the Direct Care Series, and continue administrative consolidation at DMH Programs.
- DMH requests the removal or modification of language that restricts future movement towards the expansion of community-based services. This includes Section 22 in SB 2976, DMH's appropriations bill, which caps the spending for ID/DD Waiver at \$28.5 million.
- If DMH receives anything above level funding, those funds will go towards Mississippi's ID/DD Waiver. The ID/DD Waiver provides individualized supports to people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to assist them in living successfully at home and in the community.

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