

# Mental Health 2013

Gyl Switzer, Mental Health America of Texas  
gyl@mhatexas.org

Clayton Travis, Texans Care for Children  
ctravis@txchildren.org

<b>DSHS Mental Health and Substance Abuse Strategies</b>	<b>2012/2013 Biennium</b>	<b>2014/2015 Biennium</b>	<b>Difference</b>
B.2.1 Mental Health – Adults	\$553,129,071	\$664,999,081	\$111,870,010
B.2.2 Mental Health – Children	\$153,465,918	\$200,976,804	\$47,510,886
B.2.3 Community Mental Health Crisis	\$164,953,850	\$221,182,624	\$56,228,774
B.2.4 NorthSTAR Behavioral Health	\$225,224,965	\$226,593,318	\$1,368,353
B.2.5 Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment	\$283,285,699	\$315,625,153	\$32,339,454
C.1.3 State Mental Health Hospitals	\$783,400,983	\$835,796,441	\$52,395,458
C.2.1 Community Mental Health Hospitals	\$107,406,192	\$153,140,973	\$45,734,781
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,270,866,678</b>	<b>\$2,618,314,394</b>	<b>\$347,447,716</b>

**Budget - Baseline**

<b>Exceptional Item</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>
Waiting List: Adult	\$54,100,000	\$46,103,128
Waiting List: Children	\$3,100,000	\$2,095,600
Relinquishment Slots (10 RTC Beds)	\$2,056,262	\$2,056,262
Rental Assistance	\$20,017,406	\$20,017,406
Hospital Repairs	N/A	\$20,000,000
Substance Abuse Capacity Expansion	\$4,941,828	\$4,941,828
Substance Abuse Provider Rates	\$18,471,549	\$10,696,479

## **Budget – Exceptional Items**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Senate Introduction</b>	<b>House Introduction</b>	<b>Approved</b>
Public Awareness Campaign	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$1,600,000
Prevention and Early Identification	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
Crisis Services	\$30,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
MH Treatment	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
YES Waiver Expansion	\$32,500,000	\$32,500,000	\$24,375,000
Collaborative Projects	\$10,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
Veterans Initiative	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000

## **Budget – Legislative Items**

- SB 58 (Nelson) – MH Managed Care Carve-in
  - Carves in psych rehab and case management to managed care
  - Establishes Behavioral Health Integration Advisory Committee
  - Creates a community collaborative grant program targeted to serve persons experiencing homelessness and mental health issues
- SB 7 (Nelson) & HB 3793 (Coleman) – LMHA Disease Management
  - Clarifies the services required of LMHAs and the disorders to which they can be applied, to the extent feasible with funds available

**New Initiatives - Service Delivery**

- SB 126 (Nelson) – Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reporting System
  - Online reporting system to compare performance, output and outcomes of LMHAs, NorthSTAR and substance use providers
- Rider 78 – Mental Health Outcomes and Accountability
  - Requires DSHS to withhold 10% of quarterly GR allocation from each LMHA for use as a performance based incentive

**New Initiatives – Accountability**

- SB 460 (Deuell) – Teacher Training; Coordinated School Health
  - Requires educator training programs to include information on recognizing and educating students with potential mental health concerns.
  - Requires school districts to provide teachers with basic training to identify mental health and suicide risks among students.
  - Adds mental health prevention to the state’s Coordinated School Health efforts
- SB 831 (Taylor) – School Mental Health Resources
  - Requires DSHS and TEA to create and publish a list of effective school-based suicide prevention and mental health intervention programs.
- HB 3793 (Coleman) – Mental Health First Aid
  - Establishes two grant programs to provide mental health first aid training to interested individuals and educators throughout Texas.
- HB 642 – Educator Training to Prevent Dropout
  - Includes mental health information in continuing education related to dropout prevention

## **New Initiatives – MH in Schools**

- SB 44 (Zaffirini) – Alternatives to Parental Relinquishment
  - Requires DFPS to begin tracking the number of children voluntarily relinquished for lack of access to MH treatment
  - Directs DFPS and DSHS to provide recommendations for alternatives to relinquishment
  - Encourages the use of joint conservatorship b/w the state and child's parent when appropriate
  - Directs the Council on Children and Families to look at the option to keep these parents off the central registry
  - Charges Council on Children and Families to look at preventive measures
- SB 421 (Zaffirini) – Systems of Care
  - Evolves the TIFI Consortium into the Texas Systems of Care Consortium charged with implementing a strategic plan to coordinate children's MH services across the state

**New Initiatives – Children's MH**