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Highlights of 2016-17 Enacted Budget

Children's Managed Care Readiness

The Conference is thrilled that the NYS budget has allocated \$175,000 for the design of a data collection plan and analysis of children's behavioral health services to evaluate service effectiveness, identify performance outcome measurements, and quality benchmarks in preparation for alternative payment methodologies. CLMHD collaborated with the NYS Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health, NYS Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Families Together in NYS and the Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy on this proposal and will jointly facilitate children's provider and family representative involvement in designing the plan for data collection and analysis.

Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program

- Provides \$200 million in capital funding in support of projects that replace inefficient and outdated facilities as part of a merger, consolidation, acquisition or other significant corporate restructuring activity that is part of an overall transformation plan intended to create a financially sustainable system of care.
- Eligible applicants include: hospitals; residential health care facilities; D&TCs, health clinics and mental hygiene clinics.
- A minimum of \$30 million of total awarded funds must be made to community-based health care providers which are defined as D&TCs, Art 31 and Art 32 OMH and OASAS clinics, primary care providers and home care providers.
- Reinstates the Health Care Facility Transformation Program for Oneida County.

Extension of Medicaid APG Rates

Extends APG Rates under Medicaid Managed Care and Child Health Plus for behavioral health providers through June 30, 2018.

Federal Waiver to Allow Medicaid to Individuals Immediately Prior to Release from Incarceration

Allows the state to apply to CMS for federal authority to provide Medicaid for high needs inmates in prisons and jails for transitional coordination services during the 30 days prior to release.

Social Work Licensure Extension

Extends the social work and mental health practitioner licensure exemption for two years, until July 1, 2018. The Governor had proposed a five year extension.

Mental Health Clinic Uncompensated Care Pool

- The Enacted Budget does not include \$54.4 million to cover the federal share of uncompensated care funding for D&TCs and Article 31 mental health clinics.
- Mental health and other clinics across the state had been receiving \$108.8 million per year from the Uncompensated Care Pool, split evenly between the state and federal government. But, when a

waiver from CMS expired at the end of 2014, the federal matching funds portion of the funding - \$54.4 million – was removed from the pool.

- Also, the Enacted Budget does not remove the requirement that federal matching funds be in place in order for the state share of funding to be paid to mental health clinics.
- As a result of the federal financial participation requirement, mental Health clinics have not received any uncompensated care payments in 2015 and are experiencing a shortfall of \$20 million (state and federal share).
- The Conference will continue to strategize with other impacted organizations and lobby the state and CMS to resolve this issue.

Minimum Wage Increase

- For workers in New York City employed by businesses with at least 11 employees, the minimum wage would rise from \$9 to \$11 at the end of 2016, then another \$2 each year after, reaching \$15 on 12/31/2018.
- For workers in New York City employed by businesses with 10 employees or fewer, the minimum wage would rise from \$9 to \$10.50 by the end of 2016, then another \$1.50 each year after, reaching \$15 on 12/31/2019.
- For workers in Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties, the minimum wage would increase from \$9 to \$10 at the end of 2016, then \$1 each year after, reaching \$15 on 12/31/2021.
- For workers in the rest of the state, the minimum wage would increase to \$9.70 at the end of 2016, then another .70 each year after until reaching \$12.50 on 12/31/2020 – after which will continue to increase to \$15 on an indexed schedule to be set by the Director of the Division of Budget in consultation with the Department of Labor.
- Beginning in 2019, the state DOB Director will conduct an annual analysis of the economy in each region and the effect of the minimum wage increases statewide to determine whether a temporary suspension of the scheduled increases is necessary.

Paid Family Leave

- When fully phased-in, employees will be eligible for 12 weeks of paid family leave to care for an infant, care for a seriously-ill family member or to relieve family pressures when someone is called to active military service.
- Benefits will be phased-in beginning in 2018 at 50 percent of an employee's average weekly wage, capped to 50 percent of the statewide average weekly wage, and fully implemented in 2021 at 67 percent of their average weekly wage, capped to 67 percent of the statewide average weekly wage.
- This program will be funded entirely through a payroll deduction on employees.
- Employees are eligible to participate after having worked for their employer for six months.

OASAS

Enacted Budget includes \$27,825,000 in additional funding for the following:

- \$2 million for hiring additional Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialists (SAPIS) in NYC
- \$25,000 for the Rockland Council on Alcoholism
- \$25 million for the development, expansion and/or operation of treatment, recovery, prevention and/or housing services for persons with heroin and opiate use and addiction disorders. This funding will be allocated and distributed by OASAS
- \$800,000 to support direct salary costs and related fringe benefits associated with any minimum wage increase that takes effect during 2016-17 state fiscal year

OMH

Enacted Budget includes \$9,904,000 in additional funding for the following:

- \$175,000 to CLMHD for the development of children’s behavioral health data analytics (see bullet under children’s managed care readiness above)
- \$600,000 to support direct salary costs and related fringe benefits associated with any minimum wage increase that takes effect during 2016-17 state fiscal year
- \$2,750,000 for additional services and expenses related to Community Reinvestment
- \$500,000 for Crisis intervention Teams
- \$500,000 for children’s prevention and awareness initiatives
- \$300,000 for FarmNet
- \$175,000 for South Fork Mental Health Initiative
- \$100,000 for North Country Behavioral Healthcare Network
- \$100,000 for MHANYS
- \$100,000 for Jewish Board of Children and Family Services
- \$100,000 for Riverdale Mental Health Association
- \$74,000 for Mental Health Association of Rockland County
- \$200,000 for Comunilife
- \$2,780,000 for Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer to Peer Program in accordance with the following sub-schedule:
 - \$120,000 for Broome County
 - \$185,000 for Chautauqua County
 - \$185,000 for Dutchess County
 - \$185,000 for Erie County
 - \$185,000 for Jefferson County
 - \$185,000 for Monroe County
 - \$185,000 for Nassau County
 - \$185,000 for Niagara County
 - \$185,000 for Onondaga County
 - \$185,000 for Orange County
 - \$120,000 for Putnam County
 - \$145,000 for Rensselaer County
 - \$185,000 for Saratoga County
 - \$185,000 for Suffolk County
 - \$185,000 for Westchester County
 - \$175,000 for University at Albany School of Social Welfare
- \$450,000 for Veterans Mental Health Training Initiative to be conducted by the Medical Society of State of New York, NYS Psychiatric Society and the National Association of Social Workers-New York Association
- \$1 million for expansion of crisis intervention services and diversion programs

Enacted Budget does not include Executive proposal to redirect Community Reinvestment funding to transfer patients from State psychiatric hospitals to nursing homes or to Managed Long Term Care Programs (MLTC)

Enacted Budget does not include Executive proposal to establish voluntary Jail Based Restoration to Competency programs.

OPWDD

Enacted Budget includes \$6,546,000 in additional funding for the following:

- \$4,100,000 to support direct salary costs and related fringe benefits associated with any minimum wage increase that takes effect during 2016-17 state fiscal year
- \$600,000 for OPWDD's Institute for Basic Research
- \$70,000 for Living Resources Corporation
- \$250,000 for data collection and reporting platform
- \$125,000 for Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara Foundation
- \$50,000 for the Special Children Center
- \$750,000 for the Chautauqua County Chapter of NYSARC
- \$125,000 for Jawonio
- \$75,000 for Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS
- \$70,000 for NYSARC Rockland County Chapter
- \$25,000 for Community Mayors
- \$156,000 for NYSARC NYC Chapter, Howie Stone Adult Day Center
- \$150,000 for Syracuse University

Enacted Budget includes the following OPWDD – related Article VII legislation:

- Requires OPWDD to issue a report by October 1, 2016 to the Legislature on:
 - Progress made in meeting housing needs of individuals with DD; and
 - Update on implementation of the report and recommendations of the Transformation Panel
- Individuals with DD employed in sheltered workshops on or after July 1, 2013 who are not interested or able to work in a private business in the community must be given the option of receiving other OPWDD services, including but not limited to Pathway to Employment, community prevocational, day habilitation, community habilitation and self-directed services.
- Requires OPWDD to notify the Legislature and impacted labor organizations in the event of a closure or a transfer of a state-operated Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA).