



STATE OF CONNECTICUT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services



Legislative Update # 18

April 27, 2015

The Appropriations Committee has presented their budget for the next two fiscal years. We have not been able to unpack the entire budget but have the following information regarding what was restored.

- Restores 18 million dollars to the mental health and substance abuse grant accounts
- Restores entire funding cut (including recession) to CT Legal Right Project
- Restores funding to CT Mental Health Center
- Restores most of funding to Regional Mental Health Boards (with 5% cut)
- Restores most funding for Regional Action Councils (with 5% cut)
- Restores most of funding to Gatekeeper Program (with 10% cut)
- Keeps caseload growth in Young Adult Services Discharge fund
- Adds 3 million dollars for General Hospital Behavioral Health Collaboration

Please remember that the Appropriations Budget will, in all likelihood, not be the final product. This represents their priorities. If history is any indicator, now both the Governor's Office and the Legislature will sit down and negotiate from here. We will send you additional information as it becomes available.

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