

Memorandum

To: File
 From: Olivia G. Buckner
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 Re: Fiscal Year 2023 – The Year of Mental Health

Budget Line Item	Department/ Agency	Short Summary	Reference	Amount
Multiple	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds to provide a \$5,000 cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees effective July 1, 2022 to address agency recruitment and retention needs.	Governor's Request	\$72,651,976
Multiple	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds to allow eligible state employees to withdraw up to 40 hours of earned annual leave annually from their accrued leave balance.	Governor's Request	\$1,832,346
Multiple	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Reflect a change in the Employees' Retirement System employer contribution rate to fully fund the actuarial determined employer contribution, provide for a cost-of-living adjustment for retirees, increase the employer 401(k) match for GSEPS employees, and fund the employer share of accrued forfeited leave for retiring employees	Governor's Request	\$12,688,983
15.1.4	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds for a 10% increase for core services for addictive diseases.	Governor's Request	\$1,667,223

15.1.5	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds to equip law enforcement, emergency medical services personnel, and probation staff with naloxone opioid overdose reversal medication. (CC:Yes; Utilize \$500,000 in Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust funds to equip law enforcement, emergency medical services personnel, and probation staff with naloxone opioid overdose reversal medication.)	CC Agreement	\$0
15.1.6	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds for Hope House to support addiction recovery services.	CC Agreement	\$50,000
15.2.7	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds to annualize the cost of 100 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	Governor's request	\$1,960,937
15.2.8	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds for 100 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (H:Increase funds for 325 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental	House and Senate Add	\$10,328,856

		<p>disabilities and provide \$150,392 for administrative workload support.) (S:Increase funds for 513 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provide \$150,392 for administrative workload support.) (CC:Increase funds for 513 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provide \$150,392 for administrative workload support.)</p>		
15.2.10	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	<p>Increase funds for a 1% rate increase for intellectual and developmental disability providers with approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. (S:Yes; Increase funds for rate increase for intellectual and developmental disability providers with approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services upon completion of a comprehensive provider rate study.) (CC:Increase funds for a 2% rate</p>	CC Agreement	\$4,900,000

		increase for intellectual and developmental disability providers with approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.)		
15.2.12	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase to provide a 5% increase to non-waiver family support for developmental disabilities and disabled.	House Add	\$667,840
15.2.13	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital nurses and health aides to address agency recruitment and retention.	CC Agreement	\$3,289,840
15.3.1	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds for respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	Senate Add	\$500,000
15.4.4	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds for an additional 20-bed jail-based competency restoration program pilot.	Governor's Request	\$2,500,000
15.4.5	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds for an additional 15 forensic peer mentors to provide transition and re-entry support services.	House Increase	\$1,175,000
15.5.6	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds to convert an existing 16-bed crisis stabilization unit in Augusta to a 24-bed and 16 temporary observation chair behavioral health crisis center.	Governor's Request	\$3,792,613
15.5.7	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds for the operational costs of 13 additional crisis stabilization unit beds at The Bradley Center of St. Francis Hospital. (S:Increase funds	Governor's request; Senate increase	\$3,117,423

		for the operational costs of 17 additional crisis stabilization unit beds at The Bradley Center of St. Francis Hospital.) (CC:Increase funds for the operational costs of 17 additional crisis stabilization unit beds at The Bradley Center of St. Francis Hospital.)		
15.5.8	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds for a 10% increase for core services for mental health.	Governor's Request	\$6,139,890
15.5.10	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds for three additional Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) programs. (H: Increase funds for three additional Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) programs and recognize staggered implementation.) (S: Increase funds for three additional Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) programs.) (CC: Increase funds for three additional Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) programs.)	House Decrease	\$2,204,712
15.5.11	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds to allow for Medicaid reimbursement of psychiatric and behavioral health care management services.	Governor's Request	\$1,154,101
15.5.12	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement.	Governor's Request; House Increase	\$3,381,854

15.5.13	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds for a housing network manager to support the Georgia Housing Voucher program.	House Add	\$144,237
15.5.14	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds to establish a statewide Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) database. (S:Yes; Reflect funds to establish a statewide Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) database in the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination.) (CC:No)	House Add and CC Agreement	\$0
15.5.15	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds to establish an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Oversight Unit within the department. (S:Yes; Reflect funds to establish an Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Oversight Unit in the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination.) (CC:No)	House Add and CC Agreement	\$0
15.5.16	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds for co-responder mobile crisis team expansion to five new sites. (S:Increase funds for co-responder mobile crisis team expansion to 10 new sites.) (CC:Increase funds for co-responder mobile crisis team expansion to 10 new sites.)	HB 1013 - Part 4	\$897,060
15.5.17	Department Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds for a new 16-bed and 50 temporary observation chair behavioral health crisis center. (S:No; Utilize funds in Direct Care Support Services to bring 92 state hospital beds at Georgia Regional Hospital at Atlanta online by October 1, 2022 to	House Add and CC Agreement	\$0

		reach full bed capacity.) (CC:Yes; Utilize funds in Direct Care Support Services to bring 45 state hospital beds at Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta and 47 beds in other state facilities online by November 15, 2022 to increase bed capacity.)		
15.5.18	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide for five additional community service board caseworkers for five new mental health accountability courts. (S:No) (CC:Yes)	House Add and CC Agreement	\$281,995
15.5.19	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide a 5% salary supplement for 12 employees who work directly with mental health accountability courts. (S:No) (CC:Yes)	House Add and CC Agreement	\$33,839
15.5.20	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds to establish a technical assistance coordination center for mental health accountability courts. (S:No) (CC:Yes)	HB 1013 - Part 4	\$220,050
15.5.21	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds for additional Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL) support staff to manage the national '988' hotline expansion.	House Add; Senate Decrease; CC Agreement	\$1,454,035
15.5.22	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital nurses and health aides to address agency recruitment and retention.	House Add; Senate Decrease; CC Agreement	\$3,056,275
15.5.24	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide one-time funds for a behavioral health provider rate study.	HB 1013 - Part 6	\$932,324
15.5.25	Department of Behavioral Health and	Increase funds for the new 18-bed adult medical psychiatric unit at Grady		\$6,300,000

	Developmental Disabilities	Memorial Hsopital. (S:Increase funds for one-time start-up costs for reopening an 18-bed adult medical psychiatric unit at Grady Memorial Hospital.) (CC: Increase funds for one-time start-up costs for reopening an 18-bed adult medical psychiatric unit at Grady Memorial Hospital.)		
15.5.26	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds to issue value-based payments to Community Service Boards based on specific quality metrics as determined by the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination. (CC:Increase funds to recognize the transition of two Community Service Boards (CSB) to the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) model.)	Senate Add; CC Agreement	\$4,000,000
15.9.4	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Annualize funds to maintain services for the Georgia Apex Program.	House Add	\$5,660,000
15.9.5	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds for children and teen social and emotional learning	Senate Add	\$100,000
15.11.6	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds for capital maintenance and repairs (H & S:Provide for capital maintenance and repaires and recognize \$2,000,000 provided in HB 910 (2022 Session).) (CC: Provide for capital maintenance and	Governor's Request	\$3,000,000

		repaires and recognize \$2,000,000 provided in HB 910 (2022 Session).)		
15.11.7	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Provide funds to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital nurses and health aides to address agency recruitment and retention	House Add	\$9,559,426
15.11.8	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Increase funds to bring 92 state hospital beds at Georgia Regional Hospital at Atlanta online by October 1, 2022 to reach full bed capacity. (CC:Increase funds to bring 45 state hospital beds at Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta and 47 beds in other state facilities online by November 15, 2022 to increase bed capacity.)	Senate Add	\$1,679,555
16.10.7	Department of Community Health	Provide funds for homelessness assistance.	HB 1013 - Part 6/SR 659	\$45,000
17.1.9	Department of Community Health	Provide funds for a study on reimbursement rates for mental health care providers. (S:Increase funds for a study on reimbursement rates for mental health care providers and report findings to the House Appropriations Chair and Senate Appropriations Chair by December 1, 2022.) (CC:Increase funds for a study on reimbursement rates for mental health care providers and report findings to the House Appropriations Chair and Senate Appropriations Chair by December 1, 2022.)	HB 1013 - Part 6	\$1,000,000

17.1.10	Department of Community Health	The department shall begin preparation for a repository for tracking, analyzing, and reporting information resulting from complaints received by consumers and state health care entities regarding suspected mental health parity violations. (H & S:Yes) (CC:Yes)	HB 1013 - Part 1	\$0
17.4.7	Department of Community Health	Provide funds to expand mental health first aid training to address the need for front-line workers to identify, de-escalate, and refer persons in crisis.	House Add	\$74,000
17.7.17	Department of Community Health	Recognize appropriations for current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services application that provides a 10% rate increase for home and community-based service providers, including the Georgia Pediatric Program. (S:Yes) (CC:Yes)		\$0
17.8.7	Department of Community Health	Increase funds to provide one year of postpartum coverage effective upon Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services approval.	Governor's Request	\$28,184,166
17.8.8	Department of Community Health	Provide funds for the Medicaid reimbursement of therapeutic services.	Governor's Request; CC Agreement	\$10,671,871
17.8.9	Department of Community Health	Provide funds for the Medicaid reimbursement of psychiatric and behavioral health care management services.	Governor's Request	\$1,597,739

17.11.4	Department of Community Health	Provide funds to implement a Behavioral Health Care Workforce Database.	House Add	\$400,000
17.14.2	Department of Community Health	Morehouse - Provide funds to support child and adolescent psychology and psychiatric residency programs. (S:Increase funds to support child and adolescent psychiatry and psychiatric residency programs.) (CC:Increase funds to support child and adolescent psychiatry and psychiatric residency programs.)	House Add	\$376,000
18.5.5	Department of Community Supervision	Provide funds for the implementation of a murder-suicide support group.	Governor Request	\$31,620
27.4.6	Governor's Office – Office of Health Strategy and Coordination	Increase funds to establish a statewide Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) database. (CC:No)	HB 1013 - Part 4	\$0
28.4.6	Department of Human Services	Provide funds for a community action team pilot program to address children who are in, or are at risk of entering, foster care. (S:Provide funds for two community action team pilot programs to address children who are in, or are at risk of entering, foster care.) (CC:Provide funds for two community action team pilot programs to address children who are in, or are at risk of entering, foster care.)	Governor's Request	\$1,500,000
28.4.7	Department of Human Services	Provide funds for an autism recognition pilot program in Region 12.	Governor's Request	\$451,978

28.4.8	Department of Human Services	Provide funds for autism respite care.	Governor's Request	\$1,000,000
28.8.5	Department of Human Services	Increase funds to create the dementia care specialist program for statewide screenings.	House Add	\$1,253,040
28.11.1	Department of Human Services	Provide funds for a 10% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers. (Total Funds: \$31,487,817)	Governor's Request	\$27,810,584
28.11.3	Department of Human Services	Utilize \$6,700,000 in existing funds to improve the continuum of care including preventative and therapeutic services, in addition to addressing youth with complex needs. Redirect \$6,700,000 in existing funds to provide alternatives to the hoteling of children.	Governor Request	--
29.4.8	Department of Insurance	Provide funds for one position to oversee the implementation of mental health parity initiatives and a mental health parity violation repository.	HB 1013 - Part 1	\$127,177
30.7.5	Georgia Bureau of Investigations	Provide funds for one adult felony drug accountability court and one adult mental health accountability court for the Columbia Judicial Circuit.	Governor's Request	\$400,689
30.7.6	Georgia Bureau of Investigations	Increase funds for five new mental health accountability courts and court managers. (S:No) (CC:Yes)	House Add	\$1,081,510
30.7.9	Georgia Bureau of Investigations	Restore operating expenses (\$377,000) and provide funds for one treatment monitor,	HB 1013 - Part 6	\$680,050

	– Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	one technical assistance specialist, and one data analyst to ensure fidelity across behavioral health programs.		
30.7.10	Georgia Bureau of Investigations – Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	Provide funding for an additional felony drug court, veterans' treatment court, and family treatment court	House Add	\$895,764
31.1.11	Department of Juvenile Justice	Increase funds for a 10% provider rate increase to Child Caring Institutions.	Senate Add	\$2,314,528
39.9.6	Department of Public Safety	Provide funds for 10 proper use-of-force and de-escalation positions and operational needs. (H:Provide funds for five proper use-of-force and de-escalation training positions, five crisis intervention training positions, and operational needs.) (S:Increase funds for 16 proper use of force and de-escalation positions and operational needs.) (CC:Provide funds for 10 proper use-of-force and de-escalation positions and operational needs.)	HB 1013 - Part 4	\$1,089,369
44.16.4	Student Finance Commission	Utilize \$10,000,000 in other funds to provide service cancelable loans to Georgia residents enrolled in degree programs in qualified behavioral health professions. (H:Yes) (S:Utilize \$10,000,000 in other funds to provide service cancelable loans to Georgia residents	HB 1013 - Part 2	\$10,000,000

		enrolled in degree programs in qualified behavioral health professions and provide that one year of loan repayments are canceled for every two years working in behavioral health professions.) (CC:Utilize \$10,000,000 in other funds to provide service cancelable loans to Georgia residents enrolled in degree programs in qualified behavioral health professions.)		
48.4.6	Department of Veterans Services	Increase funds for a director of suicide prevention and outreach specializing in veterans' mental health issues.	House Add	\$114,500

	HB 1013 total	\$14,310,980
	Governor, House, and Senate Budget Requests	\$249,897,216
	Grand total	\$260,208,196

Note: Medicaid beneficiaries did increase thus increases in mental health and substance abuse treatment may result. "Value based purchasing" for Medicaid and Low-Income Medicaid received over \$44 million with PeachCare also receiving over \$2 million, resulting in a \$137 million and \$10 million (respectively) in total funds.