

Legislative Briefing DBHDD Board Meeting



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**2017 GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DOUG REINEKE
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2.16.17**

BUDGET

**AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 17 – SIGNED BY
GOVERNOR DEAL ON 2.15.17**

**FISCAL YEAR 18 – AWAITS VOTE IN HOUSE
RULES COMMITTEE**

AFY2017 Budget Additions

- \$6,054,113 for 250 new Adult DD Waivers
- \$6,133,276 for New Adult MH Supported Housing Vouchers

Total Changes: \$12,187,389

Senate Legislation

- **SB 4: ENHANCING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN GEORGIA ACT**
- **SB 40: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORT**
- **SB 52: LPC SUNSET REPEAL**
- **SB 70: HOSPITAL MEDICAID FINANCING PROGRAM**
- **SB 81: JEFFREY DALLAS GAY, JR. ACT**
- **SB 88: NARCOTIC TREATMENT PROGRAMS ENFORCEMENT ACT**
- **SB 99: RESTORATION OF PATIENT RIGHTS**

Enhancing Mental Health Treatment in Georgia Act – Senate Bill 4

- Examining the current mental health landscape.
- Assessing whether current the Medicaid program provides effective care for the portion of Georgia’s population suffering from mental illness/substance use disorders.
- Assessing how non-Medicaid programs work to provide effective health care for the portion of Georgia’s population suffering from mental illness/substance use disorders.
- Determining the effect of lack of treatment for mental illness on Georgia’s hospitals, emergency rooms, law enforcement, prisons, and jails.
- Understanding the link between substance use disorders and serious mental illness to provide comprehensive and effective treatment.
- Determining what changes could be made to Georgia’s Medicaid program to increase access to care for those suffering from mental illness/substance use disorders.
- Developing complete application for Medicaid block grant funding for mental health services and substance use disorder prevention and treatment.

House Legislation

- **HB 77: MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING MATERIALS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**
- **HB 173: LMFT'S EQUAL ACCESS 1013**
- **HB 231: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**
- **HB 249: PDMP REQUIREMENTS**

2017 Advocacy Days at the Capitol

ADDICTION RECOVERY AWARENESS DAY – JANUARY 12

MENTAL HEALTH DAY – JANUARY 31

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION DAY – FEBRUARY 14

CSB DAY – FEBRUARY 23

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EMPLOYMENT DAY –
FEBRUARY 23**

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HOME & COMMUNITY
DAY – MARCH 9**

SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY – MARCH 2



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LEADS TO A LIFE OF RECOVERY AND
INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PEOPLE WE SERVE.”***