

## SFY 2007-2008 Subcommittee on Mental Hygiene

To: Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, Co-Chair  
Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Co-Chair  
Joint General Conference Committee

From: Senator Thomas P. Morahan, Co-Chair  
Assemblyman Peter M. Rivera, Co-Chair  
Joint Conference Subcommittee on Mental Hygiene

Subject: Report of the Subcommittee on Mental Hygiene

Date: March 30, 2007

---

### Members of the Subcommittee on Mental Hygiene:

Assembly:	Peter M. Rivera, Co-Chair	Senate:	Thomas P. Morahan, Co-Chair
	Harvey Weisenberg		James Alesi
	N. Nick Perry		Elizabeth Little
	Jeffrey Dinowitz		Frank Padavan
	Joan Millman – ALT		Caesar Trunzo - ALT
	Nancy Calhoun		Ruben Diaz
	Gary Finch – ALT		Diane J. Savino - ALT

The Mental Hygiene Subcommittee has had several productive meetings. The following report describes the plan for the allocation of the Subcommittee's target of \$15 million.

The members of the Subcommittee have allocated the \$15 million General Fund target to address the following issues:

- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| • Culturally and linguistically competent services   | \$2,000,000 |
| • Suicide prevention                                 | \$1,000,000 |
| • Supports for parents with psychiatric disabilities | \$850,000   |
| • Upstate supported housing stipends                 | \$600,000   |
| • Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research | \$500,000   |
| • NYU Child Study Center                             | \$500,000   |
| • Aid to community service providers                 | \$500,000   |
| • New York State Psychiatric Institute               | \$400,000   |
| • Children's Day Treatment                           | \$350,000   |
| • Relief Resources                                   | \$300,000   |

• Mental Health Projects	\$230,000
• Farm Net	\$200,000
• Hospital Audiences. Inc.	\$200,000
• Occupations. Inc.	\$100,000
• Families and Children Services	\$320,000
• Camp Ann	\$300,000
• Local Respite	\$200,000
• Epilepsy Foundation of Southern New York	\$200,000
• North Country Respite	\$200,000
• Camp Jened	\$150,000
• Cody Center	\$100,000
• Epilepsy Foundation of Western New York	\$50,000
• Youth Entering Treatment Initiative	\$1,875,000
• Community Referral Treatment	\$1,875,000
• Compulsive Gambling	\$700,000
• YES	\$350,000
• Western NY alcohol and substance abuse treatment programs	\$275,000
• Transitional support	\$250,000
• North Country prevention program	\$175,000
• Southern Tier prevention program	\$150,000
• Cattaraugus County compulsive gambling	\$50,000
• Institute for Professional Development in the Addictions	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>

Given the significantly smaller table target for the Mental Hygiene Subcommittee this year, we respectfully request that in your overall deliberations the General Conference Committee consider \$2 million for geriatric mental health programs.

We have also reached agreement on four Article VII proposals under consideration by this Subcommittee. We have agreed to:

- Accept the proposal to reduce from six percent to five and one-half percent the assessment imposed on Intermediate Care Facilities licensed by the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD).
- Accept the proposal to create two programs promoting culturally and linguistically competent mental health services.
- Accept the proposal to establish a Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Services Quality Improvement Program.
- Accept the proposal to require the Commissioners of the Department of Health and the OMRDD to clarify and establish guidelines regarding the reimbursement of licensed social workers in facilities licensed pursuant to Article 16 of the Mental Hygiene Law.

The Subcommittee could not come to agreement on an Article VII proposal under consideration at the time of adjournment, but has subsequently agreed not to consider the proposal as part of the SFY 2007-2008 budget. Such proposal would have increased the Medicaid reimbursement rate for upstate, for-profit detoxification programs.

Further, the Subcommittee could not come to agreement on an Article VII proposal that would direct the allowable uses of the second year of the human services cost of living adjustment (COLA) by the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and the OMRDD. The Subcommittee **strongly** recommends that such language would direct the COLA to employees providing direct care services, and prohibit any employee earning more than \$180,000 annually from being eligible for a COLA made pursuant to this appropriation. Further, the Subcommittee requests the General Conference Committee to resolve any issues that may result from the proposed language.

Senator Thomas P. Morahan, Co-Chair  
Joint Conference Subcommittee on Mental Hygiene



---

Assemblymember Peter M. Rivera, Co-Chair  
Joint Conference Subcommittee on Mental Hygiene



---