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BREAKING NEWS ABOUT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK

Mental Hygiene Budget Committee finalizes recommendations *Funds 1.5% COLA and adjustment for non-COPS agencies*

The Mental Hygiene Budget Conference Committee table has finalized its recommendation for the General Conference Committee. The leaders of the mental hygiene table (Assemblyman Brennan and Senator Libous) were able to secure an additional \$8 million for the table, bringing the total available to \$33 million. The Committee has suggested allocating the available money as follows:

Office of Mental Health

- \$6.8 million 1.5% adjustment on all personal and non-personal services at non-residential contract agencies
- \$7.6 million Full restoration of the 149 shared staff positions
- \$2.85 million Kids treatment funding that can be used for clinical, day treatment, crisis or school-based services at the discretion of OMH and the counties
- \$2.5 million \$8-9 per visit adjustment for all non-COPs providers
- \$1.3 million Rehabilitation and peer services for adults
- \$850,000 Restoration of research positions
- \$970,000 Diagnostic/MICA treatment

Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

- \$3.4 million 1.5% adjustment on all personal and non-personal services
- \$4 million Prevention and treatment services
- \$500,000 Community transition funding
- \$625,000 Continuity of care services

Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

- \$1.605 million Respite care

The General Conference Committee is likely to follow the recommendations of the Mental Hygiene Table. The extension of the Medicaid managed care authorizing legislation may still be done as a part of the budget process, and remains under negotiation. All *Briefs* readers are encouraged to contact Senator Bruno and Assemblyman Silver to encourage them to remove the Medicaid managed care authorizing legislation from the budget process. ©