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Behavioral Health Housing update and future collaboration

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Facilities



Housing



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Behavioral Health Housing Provisos at Commerce

- \$140,000 for a behavioral health housing administrator. Build capacity, develop and maintain inventory of beds by bed type.
- \$990,000 community beds for those with history of mental illness. Priority for permanent supportive housing for those on discharge list at state and community psychiatric hospitals.



Behavioral Health Housing Administrator Proviso

- Coordinate deployment of effective behavioral health housing options by providing training on coordinated entry services, hospital discharge housing toolkit, etc.
- Improve diversions and discharges from state psychiatric hospitals.
- Collaborate with Health Care Authority, DSHS, and local partners to improve bed capacity
- Develop and maintain statewide inventory of behavioral health beds by bed type.



Community Beds Proviso

- \$990k in 2018, \$1.9 in 2019 for 150 total beds.
- Leverage bed capacity with supportive housing and other services.
- Priority for individuals on discharge list at state and local psychiatric hospitals.
- Funds will support a mix of housing (low barrier, co-occurring, substance use, criminal history...).
- Commerce will coordinate with other agencies.



Interagency Agreement to rapidly deploy Community Beds funds

Commerce will contract with DSHS Behavioral Health Administration to support longer term housing needs.

- Prioritize exits from Eastern and Western State hospitals.
- Eligible populations will include individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
- Leverage programs such as Peer Bridgers and Housing and Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS) to support individuals.



Long term permanent supportive housing priorities

- Support coordinated rollout of services through Medicaid Transformation.
- Fund new construction of units through Housing Trust Fund and other public funders.
- Secure new master leases.
- Coordinate between agencies and providers.
 - Synchronize definitions across housing and behavioral health systems
 - Quantify existing units and future needs
 - Provide support to convert public units into permanent supportive housing





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