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TO: DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration Stakeholders

FROM: Debbie Roberts, Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: 2022 DSHS Proposed Supplemental Budget – DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration

On September 16, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Acting Secretary, Don Clintsman, announced the submission of the DSHS proposed supplemental budget to the Office of Financial Management. This included the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) proposed budget.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the way in which we assist clients in need of services and supports. While the revenue picture has greatly improved and the addition of federal funds may provide opportunities to aid and enhance the DDA service system, this is the first step in the supplemental budget process and things can and will change before a final supplemental budget is passed. Highlights from DDA's proposed supplemental budget requests include:

- **Home and Community-Based Services Federal Medical Assistance Percentages Priorities:** Leverages a one-time opportunity to utilize savings from a temporary additional 10 percent Medicaid matching fund increase afforded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Funding will be used for wage increases for direct care workers who serve individuals with developmental disabilities. (\$110.3 million; \$48.5 million GF-S)
- **Joint Request with DCYF and HCA:** Creates two 16-bed facilities as a Residential Crisis Stabilization Program (RCSP) in collaboration with the Health Care Authority (HCA) and the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). DDA will provide continued stabilization services for DDA enrolled youth once the RCSP clinical team has determined that the youth no longer require inpatient level of care and that home and community-based services are appropriate. (\$5.4 million GF-S; 5.2 FTE)

- **Enhanced Case Management Program:** Expands the capacity of the Enhanced Case Management Program (ECMP) by 800 clients. ECMP's current funded capacity is 700 individuals. The ECMP assists individuals and families mitigate risk associated with isolation, home environment, and quality of care concerns by increasing home visits and access to case resource management and support services. (\$6.4 million; \$3.7 million GF-S; 25.0 FTEs)
- **Community Supports for Children:** Funds two three bed facilities in a licensed program for children and youth (age 8-21) to provide Intensive Habilitation Services, and six three-bed licensed long-term enhanced Out-of-Home Services facilities for children and youth with high behavioral acuity or co-occurring disorders through age 20. (\$8.9M; \$5.5M GF-S; 0.5 FTE)
- **Community Residential Quality Assurance:** Addresses monitoring of services delivered to over 4,500 clients served in DDA contracted residential programs. The staffing is needed to meet assurances with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to verify clients received services authorized on the Core and Community Protection Waivers. (\$545,000; \$308,000 GF-S; 2.0 FTE)
- **Home Care Agency Tax Rate Adjustment:** Fills the employer tax gap by funding adequate employer taxes for home care agencies in alignment with RCW 74.39A.310 as amended in the 2020 legislative session. (\$1.8 million; \$799,000 GF-S)
- **Transitional Care Management:** Funds complex transition coordination teams, mobile diversion rapid response, provider development, smaller caseloads, and enhanced support to providers to support an estimated 2,100 client's transitions of care annually. (\$20.6 million; \$11.7 GF-S; 52.0 FTE)

In addition to the supplemental budget request, in August the Governor authorized DSHS to begin using \$13.6 million in CARES Act funding from the Department of Health to facilitate client transitions from community acute care hospitals to ALTA and DDA community settings, to ease the shortage of available hospital beds resulting from the current surge in COVID-19 cases. The CARES funding is being used to pay for temporary rapid response teams throughout the state to increase staffing in long-term care settings, and to provide payment incentives to nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family homes, and supported living providers to accept clients transitioning from hospitals.

More detail on the DDA, and the entire DSHS, budget request can be found at the [OFM Budget website](#).

Thank you for providing supports for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Be well.

Sincerely,

/s/

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