

SFY 2005-06 Subcommittee on Mental Hygiene

To: Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, Co-Chair
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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 21, 2005

Members of the Subcommittee on Mental Hygiene:

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The Mental Hygiene Subcommittee has had several productive meetings over the past week. The following report describes the plan for the allocation of the Subcommittee's target of \$12 million.

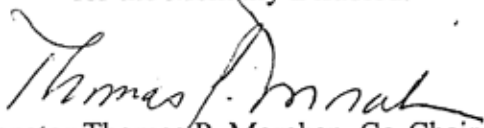
The members of the Subcommittee have allocated the \$12 million General Fund target to address the following issues:

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| • Adult and Children's consumer oriented services | \$4,365,000 |
| • Alternative Rate Methodology (ARMs) | \$600,000 |
| • Children's day treatment | \$200,000 |
| • Nathan Kline Institute research positions | \$400,000 |
| • Eating Disorder program initiative | \$50,000 |
| • Hospital Audiences, Inc. | \$175,000 |
| • Mental Health program initiatives | \$350,000 |
| • Chemical dependence community treatment | \$1,000,000 |
| • Chemical dependence prevention in NYC schools | \$3,100,000 |
| • Methamphetamine demonstration program | \$300,000 |

• Western NY alcohol and substance abuse treatment programs	\$275,000
• NY Southern Tier prevention program	\$150,000
• YES	\$350,000
• Local Respite	\$200,000
• Epilepsy Coalition	\$195,000
• Epilepsy Foundation of Western NY	\$50,000
• Westchester Institute for Human Development	\$240,000
 TOTAL	 \$12,000,000

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

- Accept, with modifications, the transfer of compulsive gambling services and programs from the Office of Mental Health to the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.
- Reject the proposal to close Middletown Psychiatric Center, provided that the Legislature may revisit the issue by May 4, 2005.
- Accept with modifications that preserve the unique identity and mission of the Office of Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, the merger of that Office with the Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled.



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