

MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION

ML01.01 Program Direction

General Fund Appropriation, *provided that \$1,000,000 may not be expended until the Mental Hygiene Administration develops a statewide needs assessment for mental health services. This review should include a facility analysis of the State mental hospitals, the degree to which they meet the needs of the populations they serve as well as the Public Mental Health System, and alternatives for delivering those services. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Mental Hygiene Administration continue its efforts to downsize existing State facilities or identify at least one or two State operated mental hospital(s) to be closed within two years of the enactment of this legislation. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene should report to the budget committees on the preliminary status of this assessment by December 1, 1998, after which these funds shall become available for expenditure. A final report is to be submitted with a definitive plan for downsizing, consolidating and/or closure of hospitals, including specific timetables, no later than July 1, 1999.*.....

4,217,285

Federal Fund Appropriation.....

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4,317,285

ML01.02 Community Services

~~The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall initiate an internal study of the treatment and rehabilitation needs of the populations served by the Mental Hygiene Administration. This study shall include an analysis of access to care, the effect of the new Public Mental Health System, the physical plant needs and resources of the state institutions, and the capacity of community programs to expand and absorb additional individuals. Further, the Mental Hygiene Administration shall utilize a portion of~~