Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

**Budget Note:** “Change the name of the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services - Special Project program to Adult Developmental Disabilities Respite Services program.”

**$10.95 Million Added** to annualize the cost of 513 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This amount in an increase from the governor’s recommendation of $10.18 Million. (Adult Developmental Disability Services)

**$9.4 Million Added** for 500 additional slots for the New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provide administrative workload support. The governor had recommended adding $4.2 Million for 250 additional slots; then the House added $8.06 Million bringing the total up to 375 slots; then the Senate increased that. (Adult Developmental Disability Services)

**Budget Note:** “Begin implementation of the 2022-2023 provider rate study pending approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).” (Adult Developmental Disability Services)

**$200,000 Added** for Citizen Advocacy to restore previous cuts and expand services. (Adult Developmental Disability Services)

**$0 Added** for an additional five forensic evaluators and four forensic peer mentors. The House had added $1.22 Million but the Senate cut it. (Adult Forensic Services)

**$277,000 Added** to increase salaries for forensic peer mentors. (Adult Forensic Services)

**$10.15 Million Added** to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital staff to address agency recruitment and retention. (across DBHDD)

**$6.29 Million Added** for additional mobile crisis teams to address increasing demand (Adult Mental Health Services)

**$7.03 Million Added** to annualize the operating cost of a 24-bed and 16 temporary observation chair behavioral health crisis center at Serenity Behavioral Health Systems in Augusta. The governor had recommended adding $2 Million. (Adult Mental Health Services)

**$5.69 Million Added** for a 15-bed and 18 temporary observation chair behavioral health crisis center in Fulton County. The governor had recommended adding $5.69 Million; then the House added $6.65 Million for more beds, and the Senate returned to the Governor’s recommendation. (Adult Mental Health Services)