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**Legislative Update #20**

**May 3, 2019**

The Appropriations Committee has voted to pass the committee's suggested budget appropriations for the next two fiscal years. Information related to the committee appropriations can be found in [Substitute Bill Number 7148, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2021, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR](#). The Committee substitute language for HB 7148 recommends the following changes to the original bill language related to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services budget:

- Restores \$1.6 million to the Grants to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services accounts;
- Restores \$ 1.1 million to the Connecticut Mental Health Center research activities;
- Restores \$1.0 million in funding to maintain Young Adult Services residential beds as state-run services;
- Restores money to continue operating Capital Region Mental Health Center inpatient mental health beds;
- Restores funds to continue operating Western Connecticut Mental Health Network services at Danbury and Torrington sites as state run services;
- Restores money to continue operating Connecticut Mental Health Center's Transitional Residential Program;
- Maintains funding for the Katie Blair House as a separate line item;
- Reflects a \$1 million savings in the Personal Services line related to reductions in overtime;
- Reduces funding for the Central Medical Unit at the APT Foundation;
- Includes dollars related to correct Personal Services deficiency;
- Maintains funding for wage increases;
- Maintains expenditure trends funding for Other Expenses, Professional Services and Workers' Compensation accounts.

You can find information on the bills above by clicking on the bill hyperlink provided or by visiting [cga.ct.gov](http://cga.ct.gov). Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or [mary.mason@ct.gov](mailto:mary.mason@ct.gov). During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120, since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.

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