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**DDS Responses to the Follow-up Questions from the March 11, 2021  
Appropriations Health Subcommittee Workgroup**

**March 19, 2021**

**1) Identify short term/one-time needs that could funded through federal Coronavirus funding?**

***DDS Response:***

While there have been and may continue to be extraordinary expenses related to the coronavirus, to date, the Office of Policy and Management has been very flexible and considerate when weighing the agency and our providers needs throughout the pandemic and providing resources to meet such needs.

As the recent relief bill is still being rolled out, there are potential additional resources that may become available both through an increased FMAP as well as specific relief funds. DDS will work within the agency and with our providers to identify gaps in needs and continue to work with OPM on meeting those needs with available resources.

Short term/one-time needs that may be funded through federal coronavirus funding may include:

- Day program environmental improvements
  - Ventilation
  - Egresses
  - Dividers
  - Deep cleaning
  - Additional staff provisions to decrease group sizes by half
- Residential supports
- Transportation to keep numbers on vans smaller

**2) Please provide a three-year trend (FY 19, FY 20, and estimated FY 21) for:**

**A) each major category served (BSP, Day Services and Community Residential Services), including total expenditure and individuals served**

**DDS Response:**

	12493 - Behavioral Services Program		16108 - Employment Opp & Day Services		90678 - Community Residential Services	
FiscalYear	Expenditures	Individuals Served	Expenditures	Individuals Served	Expenditures	Individuals Served
2019	\$16,844,854	292	\$258,351,527	10,711	\$578,909,294	6,929
2020	\$14,918,088	285	\$260,067,006	10,734	\$623,155,127	7,146
2021	\$19,362,725	276	\$288,304,447	11,899	\$638,014,602	7,316
Note:	FY 2021 Expenditures and Individuals Served is an estimate					

**B) public services (public group homes, Regional Centers and Southbury Training School), including total expenditure and individuals served**

**DDS Response:**

Total General Fund Expenditures					
	Community Living Arrangements	Regional Centers	Step Down	STS	Total
2019	40,023,677	43,540,833	1,221,107	52,312,908	137,100,544
2020	35,710,302	44,921,103	2,164,569	48,541,607	131,339,601
2021 Estimated	36,603,385	42,336,682	2,875,359	48,048,348	129,863,775

<b>Individuals Served in Public Residential Settings</b>			
<b>Public Residential Setting</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21*</b>
Regional Centers	157	156	148
Southbury Training School	198	173	157
Public Community Living Arrangement (CLA)	227	190	176
People counted in both RC and CLA due to residence in both settings in FY	2	2	3
Numbers represent unduplicated individuals in the defined setting at least 1 day within the FY			
*Counts for FY21 are as of 3/1/2021.			

**C) the agency's overtime expenses**

***DDS Response:***

DDS Overtime					
Year	Straight Time Overtime	Time and a Half Overtime	Double Time Overtime	Holiday Overtime	Total Overtime
2019	14,107,373	22,031,829	1,973,357	1,329,620	39,442,180
2020	13,695,639	21,714,113	1,670,349	1,327,905	38,408,007
2021	13,303,779	20,481,620	2,715,841	1,572,070	38,073,310
Note: 1. Based upon CORE-CT payroll data as of 3/17/2021 and may differ from other reports.					
2. FY 2021 Overtime is an estimate.					

- 3) **For the Residential Services waiting list "no service" category shown in questions 12, please provide detail on the movement on the waiting (number of people who received services and came off the waiting list and number of people who came on to the waiting list) for FY 19, FY 20 and YTD FY 21.**

***DDS Response:***

DDS Waiting List for individuals with *No Services							
FY19			FY20			FY21*	
MIR-7/1/2018	615		MIR7/1/2019	577		MIR-7/1/2020	655
New	227		New	261		New	166
Placed	246		Placed	124		Placed	162
Removed	19		Removed	59		Removed	32
	577			655			627

\*To 3/16/2021

\*No services is defined as receiving no residential services through DDS. Individuals may be receiving day supports.

It is also important to note that the information requested for this question is only for the no service category of our waiting list. The Department's response does not include individuals who have some residential services but who need more, or a different type of, residential services (considered "underserved" as our part of our waiting list) or individuals who have "future needs" for residential services (meaning that the individual may want or need residential services within two (2) or more years).

- 4) **Please provide detail on the housing initiatives in the pipeline, including how the agency will support the individuals and the number of people to be served.**

***DDS Response:***

The IDASH notice of funding availability process yielded 3 awards to developers partnered with DDS providers to develop mixed-use affordable housing with a portion of the total units reserved for DDS supportive housing. The first project opened in Canton recently and serves 20 individuals. In the coming months the next IDASH project will open in Bloomfield serving 18 individuals. In late 2021 or early 2022 the final IDASH project will open in Hartford, serving 9 individuals.

There are an additional 2 supportive housing projects in the pipeline, both of which were awarded to developers via the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) process through the Department of Housing (DOH). These projects are similar to the IDASH developments and allow a DDS provider to partner with a developer who is submitting a request for LIHTC from DOH. These projects currently include a development in Torrington serving 12 individuals scheduled to open early 2022, and a Transit Oriented Design project in West Hartford serving 17 individuals scheduled to open in mid-2022.

All individuals will receive In Home Supports (IHS) with an emphasis on the use of Assistive Technology to enable self-sufficiency and safety for the residents who, as an example, will have video access to staff in addition to scheduled direct supports. These developments focus on social integration and enabling individuals to live full lives as community members.

All of the aforementioned projects have received project-based rental commitment from DDS and all residents will utilize Rental Assistance Program certificates, or RAPs, to help make the rent affordable. The funding source of the RAPs is the \$700,000 allocated for rental assistance DDS budget. Service funds are paid through a combination of new funds and both portable and recycled funds. Portable funds are funds already assigned to an individual who is moving to a new setting or support type and can bring their funding with them. Recycling involves using excess funds from portability or other sources to assign to individuals who have insufficient funds to participate.

There are 3 additional LIHTC projects proposed, but not yet awarded by DOH, and are anticipated to support 33 individuals, should all 3 be awarded.