



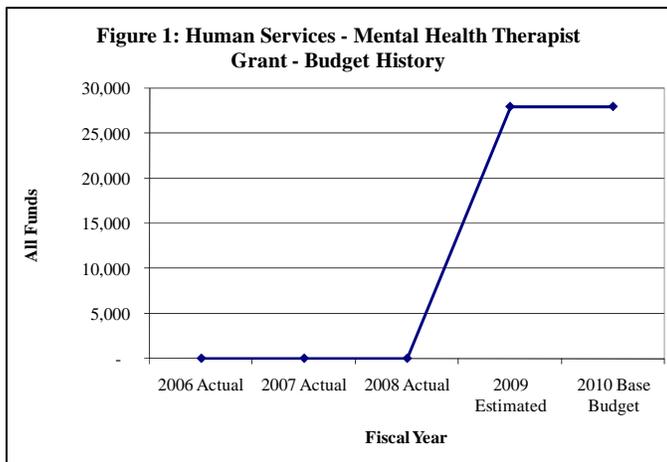
Budget Brief: Mental Health Therapist Grant

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

FY 2010

SUMMARY

The Mental Health Therapist Grant was created by H.B. 453, *Rural Mental Health Professional Education Aid* (1994 General Session). The program was established to increase the number of mental health therapists practicing in underserved rural areas of the state. In order to accomplish this, the department was authorized to provide grants to mental health therapists in order to repay loans taken by them for educational expenses. These grants would be in exchange for their agreement to practice for a specified period of time in underserved rural areas in the state. For additional information on the Mental Health Therapist Grant, please refer to the Compendium of Budget Information for the 2009 General Session found at <http://le.utah.gov/lfa/reports/cobi2009/cobi2009.htm>.



ISSUES

Base Budget Adoption

Adoption of the base budget enables programs to continue for the next fiscal year at the level outlined. Some changes in the base budget may occur, namely non-state fund increases or decreases (i.e. federal funds, transfers, dedicated credits and non-lapsing balances) and program shifts within a line item.

Department Requests for Consideration

The department requests the following actions from the subcommittee for the Mental Health Therapist Grant:

1. The ongoing funding for this program was eliminated during the September 2008 Special Session. However, the \$28,000 of ongoing funding was incorrectly reduced from the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) line item. Therefore, the \$28,000 General Fund remaining in this line item should be transferred to the DSAMH line item to correct that error.

BUDGET DETAIL

The following table shows the budget history for the Mental Health Therapist Grant line item including the base budget for adoption:

Human Services - Mental Health Therapist Grant						
Sources of Finance	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2009 Revised	Changes	FY 2010* Base Budget
General Fund	0	28,000	0	28,000	0	28,000
Total	\$0	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000
Programs						
Mental Health Therapist Grant	0	28,000	0	28,000	0	28,000
Total	\$0	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000
Categories of Expenditure						
Current Expense	0	28,000	(28,000)	0	0	0
Other Charges/Pass Thru	0	0	28,000	28,000	0	28,000
Total	\$0	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000
Other Data						

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends the Legislature consider:

1. Adopting a total FY 2010 base appropriation of \$28,000 with the plan of financing shown above for the Mental Health Therapist Grant line item.
2. Transferring \$28,000 General Fund from this line item to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health line item to correct the budget reduction error described above.