

BUILDING BLOCK
Information for Social Services Appropriations Committee
February 3, 2014

The USH Building Block of \$1.2 million is not a request for new money or to fund a new program. It is an ongoing General Fund request to replace the loss of Medicaid revenue due to a change in cost allocation methodology. The money will all be spent in each fiscal year to maintain our current level of patient care and treatment. The \$1.2 million pays personnel costs of \$1,170,000 and current expenses of \$30,000. Our Performance Measures demonstrate that our programs are effective in treating patients and the funding is necessary to maintain our current level of operations. The Utah State Hospital was recognized in October 2013 by The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals as a "Top Performer" for Inpatient Behavioral Health Hospitals. Our outcomes measures (i.e., readmission rates, clinical ratings, etc.) are benchmarked to a National Standard and we perform very well.