



REQUEST

\$1.5M in ongoing funding as a rate sustainability measure

REASONING

- Inflation rates and labor shortages demand immediate attention for contracted rates
- Contracted providers can provide services far less than the state can provide directly
- The provider system is already low and in critical condition; the state cannot afford (financially or logistically) to lose more providers and maintain a healthy continuum of care
- A state-funded (third-party) rate study repeatedly recommends this type of rate sustainability measure be instituted
- Contracted rates cannot be adjusted for surging costs like in other industries; service providers need additional resources in order to continue operations

REMINDER

It is the *job* of community-based partners to provide evidence-based programming and deliver quality outcomes to youth in state care; securing those services with the best benefit at the best cost is this body's *obligation*.

Utah's private provider system is the answer to your obligation to these youth, and if it is continued to be underfunded, the state will be forced to spend more money on less effective treatment.



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