

## **Department of State Health Services Potential Funding Requests for 2012-13**

### **Category 1: Maintain Current Services**

#### ***Maintain Current Services***

- ♦ Increased costs and caseload for the HIV Medication program;
- ♦ Funding for two full years for the forensic capacity added by the Montgomery County facility
- ♦ Funding for two full years for exceptional items phased in for the biennium (e.g. food and drug safety, radiation control, etc.); and
- ♦ Increasing costs as well as maintenance of information technology hardware and systems which cannot be delayed due to the critical services supported.

#### ***Restoration***

- ♦ Base reconciliation instructions were just issued; however, it is unknown at this time what will be exempted.
- ♦ Depending upon the exemptions, DSHS may need to seek restoration of the funds which were made available through one-time funding opportunities as well as other critical services.

### **Category 2: Ensure Compliance with Federal and State Statute**

#### ***Texas State Hospital Capacity***

- ♦ Alternatives for individuals with mental health issues that require long term care;
- ♦ Staff and operating costs for increased capacity (45 beds to 75 beds) at the new Texas Center for Infectious Disease;
- ♦ Sufficient workforce for the existing capacity in the state mental health hospitals;
- ♦ Replacement of furnishings and equipment necessary for the operation of the facility and provision of an adequate environment of care for patients.
- ♦ Repair and renovation needs at the state mental health facilities.

#### ***Patient Safety***

- ♦ DSHS has integrated the common objectives of actions taken by the last three Legislatures under a general framework of initiatives that focus on improving patient safety. The three legislative initiatives are data gathering and reporting on health care-associated infections (HAI), preventable adverse events (PAE), and hospital discharge data, such as present on admission.

#### ***Food and Environmental Health Safety***

- ♦ Improve the detection and investigation of foodborne illness in Texas to help prevent illness and death. Funding will allow the state to test thousands more bacterial isolates from persons with foodborne illnesses and allow public health to follow up and investigate many more cases and outbreaks in Texas.
- ♦ Improve the collection and investigation of blood lead testing to identify and screen children who are at risk for lead poisoning and working with providers and parents to ensure timely and appropriate care and treatment.

### ***Health Workforce Development***

- ♦ Place Psychiatrist residents from accredited Psychiatry residency programs and mental health nurse practitioners in training in Community Mental Health Centers and State Mental Health Hospitals across the state.
- ♦ Strengthen academic-practice linkages with academic institutions that educate and train the health and mental health workforce for Texas.
- ♦ DSHS had planned to include General Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residency Program positions in this request as well; however, we are pursuing additional federal funds at this time. The grant application is due April 30.

## **Category 3: Move Health Forward**

### ***Healthy Babies***

- ♦ Reduce infant mortality in Texas through coordinated community-based projects to reduce the top two causes of infant mortality: birth and genetic defects, and preterm/low birth-weight; sustain and improve collection of birth defect data; and
- ♦ expand newborn screening per HB1795 to include the screening and case management follow-up for the secondary panel of newborn screening condition targets.

### ***Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services***

- ♦ Develop a system of care for adults and youth with behavioral health (mental health/substance abuse) issues to divert individuals from criminal justice involvement;
- ♦ Decrease the number of incarcerations for clients and the number of detentions for youth with behavioral health issues;
- ♦ Provide additional and/or improved mental health and substance abuse service delivery system along the border.

### ***Obesity Prevention***

- ♦ Reduce obesity by providing grants to communities to implement evidence-based prevention activities designed to make health eating and physical activity the easiest choices.

### ***Preventable Hospitalization***

- ♦ Reduce adult hospital charges by 15% for potentially preventable hospitalizations by providing grants to counties to implement evidence-based interventions. The interventions would focus on nine conditions for which hospitalization is considered preventable.

### ***Infectious Disease Prevention***

- ♦ Improve the accuracy and effectiveness of the public health system's ability to identify and offer treatment to Texans with active tuberculosis (TB) disease and latent infection, thus preventing the development of future TB disease.
- ♦ Prevent the spread of infectious disease by improving information available on immunizations.