WE URGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO RESTORE AND INCREASE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUNDS IN FY 2020 TO $19,798,493

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS: $1,718,000
CBOs and advocacy organizations provide mental health programs, services, and referrals to difficult-to-serve populations and offer clinical and practice management trainings to providers. This initiative was funded at $1,718,000 in FY2019.

MEDICAID REDESIGN TRANSITION: $1,000,000
Assists CBOs that provide mental health services transition from a fee-for-service system to a managed-care model under New York State’s Medicaid redesign. This initiative was funded at $500,000 in FY2019.

COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: $3,025,000
Assesses risk for mental health concerns and connects court-involved youth with CBOs familiar with City and State Agencies. This initiative was funded at $2,850,000 in FY2019.

LGBTQ YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH: $1,200,000
This allocation supports comprehensive mental health services for vulnerable LGBTQ youth, focusing particularly on youth of color, youth in immigrant families, homeless youth, and youth who are court-involved. This initiative was funded at $1,200,000 in FY 2019.

CHILDREN UNDER FIVE: $2,000,000
This allocation funds community-based outpatient mental health clinics throughout the City that provide mental health treatment to children aged five years and younger. Mental health treatment activities may include, but are not limited to: screening and clinical evaluation; individual, small group, and child-parent psychotherapy; consultation to pediatricians, preschool teachers, and child welfare workers; and trauma-informed interventions. This initiative was funded at $1,002,000 in FY2019.

AUTISM AWARENESS: $4,000,000
This allocation supports wraparound services for autistic children in after-school and summer programs and during school closings. The programs may also provide forums or training seminars to teach coping skills to families and caregivers affected by autism. This initiative was funded at $3,236,846 in FY 2019.

GERIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH: $2,500,000
This funding supports organizations that provide a range of mental health services to older adults in “non-clinical settings,” such as senior centers, drop-in centers, religious institutions, social clubs, homeless prevention programs, and individual homes. This initiative was funded at $1,905,540 in FY2019.

DEVELOPMENTAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: $2,255,493
This initiative targets individuals in need of mental health care, particularly those with chemical dependencies, developmental disabilities and/or serious mental illness. The funding supports a range of programs and services that address the needs of those individuals as well as the needs of their families and caregivers. This initiative was funded at $2,255,493 in FY2019.

OPIOID PREVENTION AND TREATMENT: $2,000,000
This funding supports neighborhood-based prevention and treatment efforts around opioid abuse. This initiative was funded at $2,000,000 in FY 2019.

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