

In re D.W.: Mental Health Boarding and Single Bed Certifications – DSHS Response

Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force

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Emergency Actions

- Up to \$30m General Fund -State spending to acquire up to 145 additional psychiatric treatment beds
- DSHS and other interested parties filed a joint motion to stay decision



Phase 1 - August 7 – October 31, 2014

- Immediately increase evaluation and treatment (E&T) bed capacity – 50 beds
 - Initially largely dependent upon IMD beds in King County
 - New E&T facilities: Pierce County
 - Residential treatment facilities with capacity to provide E&T services
- RSN Contract amendments
- Emergency WAC and associated documents
- Specialized adult family home and enhanced services facility placements
- Improved reporting and data systems to better define need
- Federal Medicaid funding for mental health evaluation and treatment services



Phase 2 - November 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

- Refining bed and funding needs given new Medicaid funding authority and ongoing data analysis
- Improved data collection and reporting requirements
- Increase ability to serve individuals in need of E&T services in their own communities
 - Geographic diversity of services, including Eastern Washington
 - Start-up funding for community-based E&T facilities
- Provide timely services to individuals in or at risk of a mental health crisis so that involuntary commitment can be avoided whenever possible
- Consider opening beds at Western and Eastern state hospitals



Thank you

Questions???

