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SUBJECT: Governor Malloy's Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Budget Adjustments

DATE: February 14, 2012

On Wednesday, February 8, 2012, Governor Malloy submitted his proposed midterm budget adjustments to the Legislature for FY 2013, the second year of the biennium.

The overall impact of the proposed changes is to continue to emphasize creating a smaller more efficient state government while protecting the safety net.

The specific impact to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is as follows:

Personal Services

The net adjustment is a reduction of \$24,697,070 to Personal Services. Much of the savings will be from wage freeze savings and reductions associated with vacancies that have already been held back in FY 2012.

Additionally, the budget includes reductions associated with five program closures. Two are identified as occurring at Southbury Training School and the other three in the Regions.

Additionally, there is a reduction of \$1,500,000. DDS will work to reduce overtime and other costs in Personal Services to meet this objective.

Other Expenses

DDS received \$555,400 to continue the planning to implement a comprehensive management system. DDS will be working with the Department of Social Services (DSS), the lead Medicaid agency, to improve Management Information Systems. There was a reduction of \$75,383 from closing public operated residential programs.

Cooperative Placements

DDS received \$468,114 to make six additional placements for people committed to the department through the court system.

Clinical Services

DDS received a reduction of \$364,650 in the area of Clinical Services. DDS will be reviewing its commitments in this area and making reductions where possible.

Autism Services

DDS received \$1,000,000 for funding recommendations of the Autism Feasibility Study. The study is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2013.

Employment Opportunities and Day Services

The appropriation was increased by \$2,044,844. This will eliminate the use of Social Service Block Grants for DDS funded day services. This will allow DSS to use the Social Services Block Grant funds elsewhere while allowing DDS to increase revenue claimed under the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Medicaid Waiver.

Additionally, funding of \$470,011 for 48 additional high school graduates was added in FY 2013. This is in addition to the previously appropriated funding for 289 high school graduates in FY 2013.

Community Residential Services

\$4,208,227 was added to the appropriation. This funding will allow 34 people to leave STS in FY 2013 under the Money Follows the Person Program, and six people to leave that are not participating in the Money Follows the Person initiative.

Private Provider Cost Of Living Increase (COLA)

Within the Office of Policy and Management budget adjustment is \$8,500,000 for a 1% COLA for health and human service providers effective January 1, 2013. The intent of the COLA would be for the funds to be passed along to employees in the form of wage and benefit increases.

The proposed midterm budget adjustments will be voted on by the legislature after public hearings take place in the Appropriations Committee. Through the legislative process modifications may be made to the proposed adjustments.