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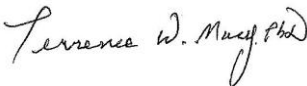
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Memorandum

TO: Department of Developmental Services
Consumers, Families, Providers and Staff

FROM: Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D. 

DATE: July 14, 2011

RE: Budget Impact

Given the recent state budget developments, I wanted to take a moment to update you on the impact related to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). I understand that this is a difficult time for many of you given the uncertainty of the budget cuts impacting all state agencies. As you are probably aware, every state agency has been charged with meeting targeted budget savings for this and next fiscal year. This year's reduction is \$37 million and next year's is \$47 million.

The scope of these reductions is unprecedented. These kinds of actions are always hurtful and this process was extremely painful. Everyone associated with this procedure struggled mightily as the decisions were made regarding which programs and staff to include in the final list. Unfortunately, the extents of our cuts touch every facet of DDS services. In previous budget reviews, DDS leadership staff has been able to protect the most vulnerable of our DDS community, our families. At this point, even these services have been hugely impacted. My goal from day one on the job has been "People and Families First" and this has not changed. As we move forward, I will continue to prioritize all possible resources to meet their needs. In the days and months that follow, I am confident we will manage through very difficult challenges. I thank you for your patience during this extraordinarily difficult time and ask that we all remain sensitive to the grave impact this has on some of our co-workers who face losing a job and our families who are losing services. It's imperative that we be as supportive as possible to all.