2014 House Supplemental Operating Budget
Enhancements for Mental Health Treatment

- Protecting public safety and avoiding tragedies
- Ensuring poor children have access to adequate mental health care in their homes and communities
- Integrating mental health and chemical dependency services
- Keeping state hospital staff and patients safe

Involuntary Treatment Changes: This proposal funds SHB 2725, a bill which allows families more legal options when seeking involuntary treatment of their loved ones. In order to make this legislation work, additional community capacity is needed. The House budget proposal provides $10.3 million for:

- Three new community-based evaluation and treatment centers.
- Three additional PACT (Program of Assertive Community Treatment) teams to provide intensive outreach services to individuals with severe or persistent mental illness.
- Recovery support services in three regional support networks – Research shows a person with this support is more likely to be engaged in their treatment and less likely to use costly hospital and crisis response services.
- A one-time restoration of $3 million in flexible funding for counties to respond to mental health emergencies.

Children's Mental Health: $8.2 million for the development of intensive mental health services for high-needs youth in response to the settlement of the *T.R. v. Dreyfus* lawsuit. Services will be phased in around the state over a five-year period.

Behavioral Health Redesign: $1.8 million for additional staff and actuarial analysis to support the integration of mental health and chemical dependency services. This step moves the behavioral health system towards phased integration with systems that provide medical services to Medicaid patients.

State Hospital Improvements: Over $4 million for training to implement a new electronic records system and to fund increased overtime costs at Eastern and Western State hospitals. The capital budget also provides additional funding for workplace violence prevention and security enhancements.