

State Budget Balanced on the Backs of Texas' Most Needy Citizens

*A Message from Jerry Grammer, Ph.D.
Board Chairman*

Cuts made to health and human services is a short-term solution that helped balance the 2004-2005 budget that, ultimately, will not be a cost saving measure to the state.

End of 78th Legislative Session Marks Changes in Mental Health Services



Rep. Aaron Pena (D-Edinburg) urges legislators not to make cuts to mental health services and talks about the impact cuts will make in the future.

Legislative Rationale

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Consumers and advocates traveled from across Texas to urge legislators to continue funding mental health services.

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**Public Mental Health System Priority
Population Re-Defined**

The Cold Hard Reality of a New Mental Health System



Ralliers chanted and sang, "Don't cut mental health spending".

**Snapshot of TDMHMR
Mental Health Budget Cuts**

	Current Services Request*	Budget for 2004-05 (HB1)	Amount of Reduction	% Reduction
Adult MH Community Services				
Children's MH Community Services				
MH Community Hospitals				
NorthSTAR Behavioral Health Waiver				
MH State Hospital Services				
TOTAL for Mental Health	1,502,437,436	1,443,903,984	58,533,452	3.9%

* The current services request is based on what TDMHMR estimated they would need to maintain current service levels.



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State Budget Balanced

These budget cuts will only lead to more tragedies than are already experienced by our family members, neighbors, co-workers and friends.

The Mental Health Association in Texas (MHAT) has been able to provide technical support, timely reports, reliable statistics, and factual information for use in educating your state leaders.

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Shake, Rattle, and Roll—Agency Reorganization

We trained hard, but every time we formed up teams we would be reorganized. I was to learn that we meet any new situation by reorganizing. And a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralization. —Petronius Arbiter, 210 BC

ASSUMPTIONS SAID TO RESULT IN SAVINGS	PROBLEM WITH THAT ASSUMPTION
<i>(Health and Human Services Commission, Department of State Health Services, Department of Aging and Disability Services, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Family and Protective Services</i>	

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Do Children Matter?

Funding Resources

Children's Mental Health Insurance, Custody and Systems of Care



What The Legislature Did Pass for Children's Mental Health

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Next Steps

As a Result of Untreated Mental Illness:

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Lynn Lasky, president of MHAT, Philip Burguières, vice chairman of the Houston Texans, Rep. David Farabee (D-Wichita Falls) and Rep. John Davis (R-Houston) and at a press conference in support of children's mental health parity in Texas.



Rep. Sylvester Turner (D-Houston) at mental health rally at the State Capitol

As a Result of Budget Cuts and Policy Changes

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Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez Named Legislator of the Year



Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez receives award from MHAT board chair Jerry Grammer at the National Convention in Washington, D.C.

College Instructor Uses Volunteerism To Address Mental Health and Mental Illnesses With Students



Student Volunteers: Teneisha Wilson, Kim Bunch, Mark Butland, Angela Franklin, Sabrina Heenan, and Jeanna Harwood

Round Rock Opportunity Center Students Promote Mental Health

MHAT Honors Mental Health Care Workers with Psychiatric Aide Award

Max Hernandez

Kevin Evans

James Donald Walker

Ema Amaya

Gwendolyn E. Stevens

Ardell Jackson

Celedonio Sandoval

Gerald Jackson

Johnny Cervantes

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Honors Individuals Who Make a Difference**

**She's Come Undone
I Know This Much is True**

The 2003 Prism Award winners:

Ruth Sharp Altshuler Award

Pamela Blumenthal Memorial Mental Health Award

Michael M. Faenza Mental Health Advocate Award

Special Recognition Award

Mental Health Association in Texas



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**Pro Bono Mental Health *Clinic Without Walls*
Mental Health Association in Greater San Antonio**

MHA Houston Gives Community Awards

Print Media Award

Other media awardees

Helen Farabee Community Leadership Award

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Texas Parents as Teachers Program Increasing Quality Assurance

PAT Improves Outcomes for Paroled Parents

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