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We marched to Capitol Hill with these two requests -
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You will learn how to advocate for Opposition to Proposed Changes to SAMHSA Programs in FY 2013 Budget

Background:

The President released his fiscal year (FY 2013) budget request on February 13th. The FY 2013 President's Budget Request (PBR) contains a number of proposals to restructure certain programs within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

SAMHSA's fiscal year (FY) 2013 budget request proposes for the second year to separate the 20 percent set-aside of the SAPT Block Grant required by statute through a one-year waiver, and combine the 20 percent set-aside with \$60 million from the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG)/Partnerships for Success Program. This would create a new \$404.5 million Substance Abuse-State Prevention Grant that would be awarded to States and Territories by a formula to be developed by SAMHSA based on high need. Congress opposed the proposal last year and kept the SAPT Block Grant whole.

Action Needed:

Ask your Representative and Senators to maintain the current structure of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant as authorized in statute, and increase funding in FY 2013 by \$50 million.

Message/Talking Points:

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant is the cornerstone of the States' substance abuse prevention and treatment systems.

- The SAPT Block Grant serves our nation's most vulnerable, low-income populations.
- Funding for the SAPT Block Grant has been stagnant for the last several years, yet the demand for services continues to rise.
- The new proposal would result in a significant reduction to substance abuse prevention funding.
- SAMHSA proposes to amend the SAPT Block Grant statute for one year through the appropriations process to waive the currently required 20 percent set-aside for prevention and create a new Substance Abuse- State Prevention Grant.
- **"I urge [the Senator/Representative] to maintain the current structure of the SAPT Block Grant as authorized in statute and increase the total Congress appropriated in FY 2012 by \$50 million."**

For assistance or more information, contact Chris Campbell, Director of Government Relations at 800.548.0497, ext. 129, or ccampbell@naddac.org. Also, be sure to check out the NAADAC Advocacy web site at www.naadac.org.

Thank or Ask Your Elected United States Representative to Join The Addiction Treatment and Recovery Caucus

US Representatives: Michael E. Capuano (MA – 8th), Bill Keating (MA – 10th), Stephen F. Lynch (MA – 9th), James P. McGovern (MA – 3rd), John W. Olver (MA – 1st), John F. Tierney (MA – 6th) have joined! Barney Frank (MA-4th), Nikki Tsongas (MA-5th), Richard Neal (MA-2n), Edward Markey (MA-7 th) need an invitation from you!

Representatives John Sullivan (R-OK) and Tim Ryan (D-OH) are serving as the Caucus co-chairs, joined by Representatives Mary Bono Mack (R-CA) and Paul Tonko (D-NY) are serving as Vice co-chairs. These United States legislators are leading the way for positive action for Addiction Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery.

And Back in Massachusetts

*An Act To Improve Access to Alcohol and Other Drug Clinical Services
Gets a Favorable Report from Legislative Financial Services Committee
Please thank Chairs Representative Michael Costello
and Senator Anthony Petrucelli*

Plus Co Sponsors!

S473 - Former Senator Steven Tolman, Senator Kenneth Donnelly, Representative James O'Day
H332 - Representative Martin Walsh, Senator Jack Hart, Representatives James O'Day,
Louis Kafka, Nick Collins, Sean Garballey, Kathi-Anne Reinstein

What These Identical Bills Do:

Both require insurers to reimburse for the services of an Alcohol and Drug Counselor I. Insurance reimbursement will permit individuals and their families who suffer from, or are affected by alcohol and other drug abuse or addiction, to choose the human services professional most appropriate to treat their substance abuse

Next step is getting through HealthCare Financing Committee with a Favorable Report.

Please ask your elected legislators to ask Chairs Representative Steven Walsh and Senator Richard Moore for a favorable report. These bills technically need to be passed by July 30th of this year!

Please Ask Your Elected Legislators

To Support the Massachusetts Coalition for Addiction Services Request

FY 2013 State Funding Request for DPH/Bureau of Substance Abuse Service

- Add \$5 million in new funding to Line item 4512-0200 for Young Adult Case Management Services – for the procurement of 83 case managers to serve 9,600 young adults annually
- Preserve Governor's FY 2013 request for \$1,728,793 in new funding – to cover increased costs to maintain existing service levels
- Preserve level funding in Line Items 4512-0201, -0202 and 0203

TOTAL HOUSE FUNDING REQUEST for FY 2013 for DPH/BSAS = \$89,839,595

Line item 4512-0200 at \$81,539,595 (Base Account)

Line item 4512-0201 at \$ 4,800,000 (CSS/Post Detox Step Down)

Line item 4512-0202 at \$ 2,000,000 (Jail Diversion Program)

Line item 4512-0203 at \$ 1,500,000 (Family Intervention Services)

THE NEED FOR YOUNG ADULT CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Massachusetts has seen an overwhelming increase in alcohol, prescription drug and other opiate use by young adults aged 17 to 25. Case management services will enhance young adults' access to care, provide support to improve treatment outcomes, help to develop supportive community contacts including peer support, and link them to other supports as needed for long-term recovery

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Reach your elected legislators