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Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – John M. Colmers, Secretary

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The Honorable Ulysses Currie
Chairman
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1901

The Honorable Norman H. Conway
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
121 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1912

RE: 2007 JCR P. 120 - Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program Budget for FY 2008

Dear Chairmen Currie and Conway:

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“the Department”) submits the attached budget in response to page 120 of the 2007 General Assembly Joint Chairmen’s Report. The JCR restricts spending of the \$2 million appropriated in fiscal year 2008 for planning and implementation of the Money Follows the Person demonstration program until the Department submits a detailed outline of the proposed expenditures. The requirement also stipulates that the Department allow 45 days for review and comment before finalizing the budget.

The Money Follows the Person demonstration is an opportunity for states to access federal funding to pursue rebalancing goals within their long-term care systems. Receiving these additional federal funds is contingent upon the approval of each state’s operational protocol. The Department has been working closely with a diverse group of stakeholders and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to plan for the implementation of the demonstration. The funding priorities outlined in the attached budget will enable Maryland to meet the requirements set by the federal Money Follows the Person statute and to begin work on the rebalancing goals that will be articulated in our operational protocol.

We look forward to your comments on the attached budget. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Tricia Roddy, Director of Planning, at 410-767-5809.

Sincerely,



John M. Colmers
Secretary

Enclosure

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MFP Budget - FY08

Identification and Outreach

\$170,000

- Peer Mentoring Pilot
- DD Enhanced Family and Peer Outreach

Regional pilots, mentors provide information and outreach
Provide additional supports to families of individuals in SRCs

Outreach Materials

\$122,500

- Develop video presentation for DD population
- Produce video presentation for NF populations
- MFP Marketing Materials
- MFP Website
- Materials Duplication & Distribution
- Language Translation Assistance

The video will inform about receiving services in the community
Focused on older adults and people with disabilities
Used to spread information about the MFP demonstration
A resource for those interested in issues related to MFP
Print and video materials

Training and Development

\$305,000

- Develop peer mentor training
- Host regional peer mentoring trainings
- CEUs on Community Supports for Social Workers
- HR Consultant to help transition DD staff
- MH Training for Providers on Cognitive/Behavioral
- Host other provider trainings (CMs, etc.)

Standardize the training materials and procedures for peers
Train the trainer model
Educate social workers about long-term care in the community
Provide support for SRC staff in developing skills to serve clients in the community
Addresses a barrier to receiving services in the community
To help standardize practice and expand capacity

Transition / Housing

\$185,000

- Draft RFP for Transition Center
- OHCQ Support
- Draft RFP for ongoing peer mentoring
- State Housing Strategy Consultant
- Administer Bridge Subsidy

Technical assistance for the Transition Center contract
To meet increased demand for licensing of ALFs (4 beds or fewer)
To draft the long term peer mentor contract
Strategies for addressing housing as a barrier to community living
Contingent on approval of additional subsidies

Systems

\$550,000

- Enhance Waiver Tracking Systems
- Implement MFP reporting initiatives
- DEWS/AERS Enhancement

To support more efficient transitions and waiver operations
CMS mandated reporting
Improvements to the waiver/eligibility process

Money Follows the Person Budget - FY 2008

Other Admin	\$283,100
UMBC Operational Protocol Development	Technical assistance
Stakeholder Meetings	Guidance to the project from advocates, providers, and consumers
MFP Kickoff	Provide a foundation for collaboration, raise awareness of the project
Project Director	Salary
Meetings/Trainings	
Demonstration Implementation	\$384,400
Implement initiatives based on stakeholder input and requirements of the Operational Protocol	As the operational protocol continues to mature, additional initiatives will be required to meet the project's goals
TOTAL	\$2,000,000