



## FY22 House Ways and Means State Budget Amendment Co-Sponsorship Requests

### PLEASE CO-SPONSOR THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND THEIR FAMILIES

#### **Amendment #53: Criminal Justice and Community Support Trust Fund (Rep. Gordon)**

Creates an outside section of the budget that would establish a trust fund to collect outside sources of funding – like federal dollars and philanthropic grants – to make grants to county and community-based jail diversion programs and community policing and behavioral health training initiatives.

#### **Amendment #54: Middlesex County Restoration Center (Rep. Gordon)**

*\$1.85M increase in 4000-0300 EOHHS and Medicaid Administration*

Funds the commencement of a county restoration center at \$1.85M, overseen by the Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission, to divert individuals with mental health and/or substance use conditions who interact with law enforcement from lock-up facilities and emergency departments to appropriate treatment.

#### **Amendment #193: Comprehensive Children’s Mental Health Response (Rep. Decker)**

*\$150K increase in 5042-5000 DMH Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services*

Funds the BIRCh Center and the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health (MAMH) to continue collaborating on the establishment of a School-based Behavioral Health Technical Assistance Center to support school personnel in meeting the mental health and emotional needs of their students.

#### **Amendment #1121: DMH Homelessness Support Services (Rep. Malia)**

*\$2.046M increase in 5046-2000 DMH Statewide Homelessness Support Services*

Creates three new Safe Haven programs in Western Massachusetts, Southeast Massachusetts, and Northeast Massachusetts for a total of \$1.621M. Safe Havens are designed to help homeless individuals who are been hard-to-reach leave the condition of homelessness as quickly as possible by offering low barrier, supportive housing. Additionally funds \$425K in program staffing supports at Pine Street Inn’s New Chardon Street location, which provides safe housing for women who are homeless and have mental health conditions.

#### **Amendment #1149: Network of Care Massachusetts (Rep. Lawn)**

*\$550K increase in 4000-0300 EOHHS and Medicaid Administration*

Funds Network of Care Massachusetts, the singular place where all mental health, substance use, and related social services and organizations are curated into a statewide online, searchable tool.