

**Developmental Disabilities Administration
Report on the Waiting List Equity Fund
Fiscal Year 2022**

Background

Health-General Article §7-205 of the Maryland Annotated Code establishes the Waiting List Equity Fund (the “Fund”) in the Maryland Department of Health (“MDH”). MDH’s Developmental Disabilities Administration (“DDA”) provides funding for various services to eligible individuals with a developmental disability, as defined in §7-101 of the Health-General Article.

The purpose of the Fund is to ensure that, when individuals with a developmental disability leave State Residential Centers (“SRCs”), funds representing the net average cost of serving these individuals follow them to pay for the first year of community-based services. Any funds remaining in the Fund are used to provide community-based services to other individuals who are eligible for, but not receiving, a community-based service, including both individuals leaving SRCs and those generally eligible for DDA’s funding of services.

Health-General Article § 7-205(f) requires the DDA to report annually to the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services on the Fund, including:

- (1) An accounting of all receipts and expenditures to and from the Fund (Table 1);
- (2) The number of individuals who left and entered SRCs during the previous year (Table 2);
- (3) The number of additional persons who were on the waiting list for services funded by the DDA (the “DDA Waiting List”) during the previous year (Tables 3A & 3B); and
- (4) An accounting of each of the factors used in determining the cost of providing services to an individual in an SRC (Tables 4A & 4B).

Executive Summary

As calculated in the Tables below, the Fund’s balance as of July 1, 2021 was \$11,383,705 and the ending balance as of June 30, 2022 was \$12,001,234 representing a net increase at the end of Fiscal Year 2022 (“FY 2022”) of \$617,529.

Overall, there were 18 admissions and 20 discharges from the DDA’s SRCs – the Potomac Center and Holly Center – during FY 2022.

The DDA follows the federally approved Medicaid Waiver applications and regulations to determine an individual's eligibility for DDA-funded services, priority category, and placement on the Waiting List for community services. As of the end of FY 2022, there were 3,805 individuals determined to be DD-eligible and met the medical eligibility requirements to receive DDA waiver services on the Waiting List (Table 3A). Additionally 2,241 individuals on the Waiting List were determined to be Supports Only, meaning they have a physical or mental impairment, but not just mental illness, that would likely continue forever, but did not meet the full medical eligibility requirements to receive DDA waiver services (Table 3B).

Table 1 – FY 2022 Receipts and Expenditures to and from the Fund

<u>Balance:</u> July 1, 2021	\$11,383,705
<u>Deposits:</u>	
SRC Facilities' Budget Surplus	\$593,370
Interest Earned (Fund & Community Service Trust Fund) ¹	\$123,942
Fund's State Tax Check Off	\$346,496
<u>Disbursements:</u>	\$446,279
<u>Balance:</u> June 30, 2022	\$12,001,234

Table 2 – FY 2022 Admissions and Discharges from State Residential Centers

	Admissions	Discharges
Potomac Center	15	18
Holly Center	3	2
Total	18	20

Table 3A - Waiting List DD Eligible – As of June 30th, 2022

Crisis Resolution	Crisis Prevention	Current Request	Total
2	176	3,627	3,805

Table 3B - Waiting List Supports Only Eligible – As of June 30th, 2022

Crisis Resolution	Crisis Prevention	Current Request	Total
15	272	1,955	2,242

¹ The interest earned from the Community Service Trust Fund helps support the Fund.

Table 4A - FY 2022 Factors Used in Determining the Cost of Providing Services For an Individual in a SRC

Expenditure Category	Holly	Potomac
Cost of Facility	\$17,911,087	\$17,818,249
Less: Overhead	\$9,228,526	\$7,354,800
Less: Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Limit	\$601,972	\$42,053
Net Cost with Adjustments	\$8,080,589	\$10,421,396
Residential ADP ²	49	43
Net Cost per Person	\$164,910	\$242,358
Net Cost per Person per Day	\$451.81	\$663.99

Table 4B - FY 2022 Calculation for Facility Deposits to the Fund

Facility	Days³	Average Daily Rate	Fund Deposit
Holly Center	0	\$452	\$0
Potomac Center	894	\$664	\$593,370.00
Total	894	n/a	\$593,370.00

² ADP means the average daily population in the facility.

³ Days are the number of service days represented by the amount of funds deposited for each facility. It is obtained by dividing the fund deposit by the daily rate per client. If the actual ADP for each SRC is less than the budgeted ADP, the SRC is required to deposit the resulting budget surplus into the WLEF.