Overview of RMHS and Mill Levy Programs
Mill Levy Advisory Council
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Community-Centered Boards

- Colorado General Assembly established Community-Centered Board (CCB) system in 1964
- Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) contracts with 20 CCBs statewide to serve individuals with I/DD
Community-Centered Boards

- Colorado has designated CCBs as the access point for any individual seeking eligibility for I/DD services.
  - RMHS is responsible for providing information and referrals.
  - Eligibility determinations for I/DD services for individuals 5+ are the CCB’s responsibility.
  - Any person in Denver must go through RMHS to access all I/DD services.
  - Local vs. statewide waitlist.
Coordination of Services

Services and Support

- Assessments
- Therapies
- Respite Care
- Community Connection Services
- Home/Vehicle Modifications
- Assistive Technology
- Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Service Plan
- Transportation
- Parent/Sibling Support
- Supervision
- Pre-Vocational Services
- Residential Habilitation
- Homemaker
- Home Health
- Etc.

System Navigation

- Human services
- Legal system
- Advocacy system
- School systems
- Social Security
- Social services benefits
- Etc.

Funding Sources

- Early Intervention
- Family Support Services
- HCBS-CES
- HCBS-DD
- HCBS-SLS
- Mill Levy
- Private Insurance
- Medicaid State Plan
- Social services benefits
- Etc.
RMHS Mill Levy Program

Goals of the program

- Increasing access to services
- Increase flexible options to meet individualized needs
Mill Levy History 2015 - Present

- Unutilized
- Community agencies, providers, and family members for the benefit of individuals
- Services delivered by RMHS

2015: $11.5 M
2016: $8.3 M, $5.5 M
2017: $5.4 M, $3.9 M
2018*: $6.1 M, $9.5 M

*2018 numbers reflect projected expenses, not actuals.
How does RMHS use the mill levy funding it receives?

1. **Client & Family-Directed Funds**: To empower Denver residents with I/DD to directly access mill levy funds to meet their individual needs for services and support.

2. **Community Agencies**: To support individuals, nonprofit organizations and businesses that provide unique I/DD services and support.

3. **RMHS Services & Initiatives**: To provide additional support to Denver residents who access RMHS services by eliminating wait lists, enabling service coordinators more time to work with clients, and enhancing clinical programs.
Mill Levy Program Structure

2019 MILL LEVY BUDGET ($14M)

- RMHS Enhanced Services, RMHS Initiatives & Mill Levy Management: 44% ($5.1 million)
- Community Agencies & Client/Family-Directed: 56% ($6.4 million)
- $3 million to Community Agencies

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Client & Family-Directed Funds
Denver residents with I/DD and their families can request services and support to meet their individual needs that aren’t available through other resources. Examples include:

- Adaptive equipment
- Durable medical equipment
- Dental and medical costs
- Evaluations and assessments
- Transportation
- Caregiver/parent training
- Car seats
- Safety items
- Cribs/beds
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Individual Requests

Q2 2017 | Q3 2017 | Q4 2017 | Q1 2018 | Q2 2018 | Q3 2018 | Q4 2018

# OF REQUESTS

AMOUNT REQUESTED

$0.00 | $200,000.00 | $400,000.00 | $600,000.00 | $800,000.00 | $1,000,000.00 | $1,200,000.00
Community Agencies

• RMHS accepts applications from the community for mill levy-funded projects that would increase the service options and provider base to benefit Denver residents with I/DD.

• New process rolled out fall 2018 for 2019 funding.

• We received 43 proposals requesting more than $6M.
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Community Agencies – Approved 2019 projects

6 Projects Serving Children
• Preschool/music therapy
• Behavioral challenges at school, home and community
• Workshops on parent-mediated Early Start Denver Model
• Social skill development during recess
• Respite

5 Projects Serving Transition Ages (Late Teens to Early Adulthood)
• Training/resources for parents/teens (college tour) and mentorship for black males up to age 21
• Social and life skills for teens with autism
• Vocational/trade education
• Entrepreneurship training
Community Partners – Approved 2019 projects

9 Projects Serving Adults
• Ride-share training
• Financial health education
• Art instruction
• Supported employment
• Community outings
• Arts and community
• Travel
• Behavioral support
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Community Partners – Approved 2019 projects

7 Projects Serving All Ages
- First responder training
- Yoga
- Connecting parents
- Art classes for parents/toddler and adults with Down syndrome
- Community center
- Probate and special needs planning
- Homeless outreach
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2019 COMMUNITY AGENCY BUDGET BY PRIORITY AREA

- Client education/Increasing independence: 46%
- Homelessness: 9%
- Integrated health: 13%
- Social/Recreational: 21%
- Training & Support: 11%
- Total Budget = $3,046,242
RMHS Mill Levy Program

Nearly 7,000 (duplicated) individuals to be served in 2019

PROJECTS BY NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED

- <50: 37%
- 50-150: 33%
- 150-500: 22%
- >500: 8%
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Enhanced RMHS Services

- Enable case managers to provide more than Medicaid cap of 60 hours of case management in a year to children age 0-3 with developmental delays and adults with I/DD.

- Reduce wait time for children from birth to age 18 to receive assessments for developmental delays and disabilities, so they can receive therapies as soon as possible.

- Provide additional funding beyond state dollars for direct services and case management for families of children ages 3 and older with I/DD. Without mill levy, families would wait for services.

- Offer state-mandated trainings, such as first aid, to family members who provide services to Denver residents with I/DD.

- Created a Waitlist Coordinator position to ensure people waiting for other services are accessing mill levy-funded services as needed.
System Gaps

Where Do We See Gaps?
We agree with the findings of DHS’ needs assessment:
1. Affordable Housing
2. Obtaining Employment
3. Waiting Lists – 298 Denver residents individuals waiting for residential services; all but 10 receive other services and all are being offered mill levy services.
4. Transitions
5. Mental Health

AND we recognize that local funds will have a varied and incomplete impact on these systemic issues.

In addition, we are turning away more community agencies, individuals and family members than ever because the identified needs now exceed the available funds.
System Gaps

Other Gaps

• Home and Vehicle Repairs and Modifications
• Travel Assistance
• Emergency Needs
• Awareness
• Consistent Understanding of Available Programs
• Tracking Clients through Testing, Eligibility Determination, and Enrollment
Common Questions

- Do I need to be a Denver resident to receive mill levy funding?
- Do I need to receive services from RMHS to be eligible?
- What items can I request through Client Assistance?
- What documentation does RMHS need to process a request?
- Why doesn’t RMHS distribute money to me if I’m eligible?
- Are there limits on the number of requests a person or family can make?
- How are external mill levy partners selected?
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