



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

MIRA SIGNER
ACTING COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Post Office Box 1797
Richmond, Virginia 23218-1797

Telephone (804) 786-3921
Fax (804) 371-6638
www.dbhds.virginia.gov

October 15, 2019

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr., Co-chair
The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr., Co-chair
Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Chris S. Jones, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
900 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Senator Norment, Senator Hanger, and Delegate Jones:

Item 310.V. of the 2019 *Appropriation Act*, required the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to

“report the number of waiver slots, by waiver, that becomes available for reallocation during the year. In addition, the department shall report on the allocation of emergency waiver slots and reserve slots, which shall include how many slots were allocated in the year and for which waiver. The information on reserve slots shall indicate for which waiver the reserve slot was used and the waiver from which the individual moved that was granted the slot. Furthermore, the report shall show the allocations by each Community Services Board from new waiver slots, emergency slots and reserve slots for the year. The department shall submit this report for the prior fiscal year, ending June 30, by September 1 of each year.”

Please find enclosed the report in accordance with Item 310.V. Staff at the department are available should you wish to discuss this request.

Sincerely,



Mira Signer
Acting Commissioner

Cc: Hon. Daniel Carey., M.D.
Marvin Figueroa
Susan Massart
Mike Tweedy



Fiscal Year 2019 Waiver Allocation Report (Item 310.V. of the 2019 Appropriation Act)

August 1, 2019

DBHDS Vision: A Life of Possibilities for All Virginians

Item 310. V. Waiver Allocation Report

Preface

Item 310 V. of the 2019 *Appropriation Act* requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to report on the allocation of Developmental Disability waivers annually. The language reads:

V. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for each fiscal year shall report the number of waiver slots, by waiver, that becomes available for reallocation during the year. In addition, the department shall report on the allocation of emergency waiver slots and reserve slots, which shall include how many slots were allocated in the year and for which waiver. The information on reserve slots shall indicate for which waiver the reserve slot was used and the waiver from which the individual moved that was granted the slot. Furthermore, the report shall show the allocations by each Community Services Board from new waiver slots, emergency slots and reserve slots for the year. The department shall submit this report for the prior fiscal year, ending June 30, by September 1 of each year.

Item 310. V. Waiver Allocation Report

Table of Contents

Introduction	4
Newly Funded Waiver Slot Allocation	4
Reassigned Slots.....	6
Emergency Slots.....	6
Reserve Slots	7
Conclusion.....	8

Introduction

This report covers the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 and shows the allocation and distribution of waivers by type, region, and community services board (CSB).

Newly Funded DD Waiver Slot Allocations

DBHDS allocates DD waiver slots to each of the Community Services Boards according to the following rubric. When at least 40 new slots are funded by the General Assembly in either the Community Living or Family and Individual Supports waivers, one slot will be allocated by DBHDS to each CSB. Additional slots, up to the total number of available slots for a given waiver, will be allocated by DBHDS to each CSB for individuals living within that CSB’s catchment area based upon the following factors and criteria:

1. The population within the specific CSB catchment area
2. The percentage of Medicaid eligible individuals in the catchment area
3. The percentage of individuals on the “Priority One” portion of the statewide DD waiver waiting list

If there are Building Independence waiver slots to be allocated, they are allocated by region. In FY19, there were no new Building Independence waiver slots funded.

Table One and Table Two detail the allocation of the slots.

Table 1: FY19 Allocation of Building Independence Waiver Slots by Dev. Service Region	SFY19 BI slots
Central	0
Eastern	0
Northern	0
Southwestern	0
Western	0
Total	0

Table 2: FY19 Allocation of Community Living and Family & Individual Supports Waiver Slots by CSB	SFY19 CL slots	SFY19 FIS slots
Alexandria Community Services Board	2	6
Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board	1	1
Arlington County Community Services Board	3	9
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare	4	13
Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Healthcare	3	11
Chesterfield Community Services Board	7	21
Colonial Behavioral Health	3	8
Crossroads Community Services Board	0	5
Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board	1	5

Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services	2	7
Dickenson County Behavioral Health Services	1	1
District 19 Community Services Board	2	8
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	1	2
Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board	18	59
Goochland-Powhatan Community Services	1	2
Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board	5	15
Hanover County Community Services Board	2	6
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Community Services Board	2	7
Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services	5	17
Highlands Community Services	1	2
Horizon Behavioral Health	3	11
Loudoun County MH, SA and Developmental Services	6	20
Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services	2	6
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	2	6
New River Valley Community Services	3	9
Norfolk Community Services Board	4	13
Northwestern Community Services	3	11
Piedmont Community Services	2	6
Planning District One Behavioral Health Services	1	4
Portsmouth Department of Behavioral Healthcare	1	4
Prince William County Community Services Board	8	25
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	7	23
Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services Board	3	8
Region Ten Community Services Board	4	13
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority	3	11
Rockbridge Area Community Services	1	2
Southside Community Services Board	1	4
Valley Community Services Board	2	6
Virginia Beach Community Services Board	6	19
Western Tidewater Community Services Board	1	7
Total	127	413

Reassigned Slots

When a person leaves their DD waiver slot due to death, relocation out of state, loss of eligibility or declining further waiver services, that slot becomes available for reassignment by the local Waiver Slot Assignment Committee to another person in that CSB's jurisdiction.

Table Three breaks out the turnover by waiver.

Waiver	Number of Slots Reassigned (Turn Over) [May be multiple times per slot]
Building Independence	34
Family & Individual Supports	388
Community Living	158

Emergency Slots

DBHDS maintains a pool of Community Living waiver slots that may be assigned to individuals deemed in an emergency status according to the following criteria:

1. Child protective services has substantiated abuse/neglect against the primary caregiver and has removed the individual from the home; or for adults where
 - a) adult protective services has found that the individual needs and accepts protective services, or
 - b) abuse/neglect has not been founded, but corroborating information from other sources (agencies) indicate that there is an inherent risk present and there are no other caregivers available to provide support services to the individual.

2. Death of primary caregiver or lack of alternative caregiver coupled with the individual's inability to care for themselves and endangerment to self or others without supports.

Requests for emergency slots are forwarded by the Community Services Board (CSB) to DBHDS to determine if the individual's situation meets the above criteria. Once the pool of emergency slots reaches a minimum of three slots, the next nonemergency waiver slot that becomes available at the CSB in receipt of an emergency slot shall be reassigned to the emergency slot pool in order to ensure emergency slots remain to be assigned to future emergencies within the Commonwealth's fiscal year.

Table Four details the waivers and CSBs to which emergency slots were assigned.

Table 4: Emergency Slots Assigned in FY19 by CSB			
CSB	Community Living Waiver	Family and Individual Support	Total
ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS CSB	1	0	1
CHESAPEAKE INTERGRATED BEHAV HEALTHCARE	1	0	1
CITY OF VA BEACH CSB	1	0	1
CROSSROADS CSB	3	0	3
DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA COM SERV	1	0	1
FAIRFAX FALLS CHURCH CSB	1	0	1
HAMPTON-NN CSB	6	1	7
HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM CSB	2	0	2
HIGHLANDS CSB	0	1	1
LOUDOUN COUNTY CSB	1	0	1
MIDDLE PENINSULA NORTHERN NECK CSB	1	1	2
NORFOLK CSB	1	0	1

NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SVCS	3	0	3
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY CSB	1	0	1
RAPPAHANNOCK AREA CSB	2	0	2
REGION TEN CSB	1	0	1
RICHMOND BHVRL HLTH AUTHORITY	1	0	1
VALLEY CSB	1	0	1
WESTERN TIDEWATER CSB	2	0	2
Total	30	3	33

Reserve Slots

Reserve slots may be used for transitioning an individual who, due to documented changes in his support needs or a preference for supports found in a waiver with a less comprehensive array of supports, requires or requests a move from the DD waiver in which he is presently enrolled into another of the DD waivers to access necessary services.

If there are insufficient reserve slots in a given waiver to accommodate the needs of individuals whose needs qualify them to move from their current waiver, the names of those individuals meeting the criteria will be kept on a chronological list until such time as a slot in that waiver is available.

The proposed permanent DD waivers' regulations include a requirement that CSBs make vacated "turn-over" slots available to individuals from that CSB who are waiting for a reserve slot in that waiver. The slot of the individual moving into the awaited reserve slot is then assigned by the usual means (Waiver Slot Assignment Committee) to a person on the waiting list. Some CSBs have opted to adopt this practice now, even though the regulations are not final. DMAS has been made aware and expressed no objections. This has resulted in greater movement between the waivers when needed.

There is currently a seven person chronological list of people waiting to transfer to a Community Living waiver slot, with 13 additional persons currently under review to determine if they meet criteria. Eight people are on the chronological list awaiting a Family and Individual Support waiver slot, with two more currently under review. Table Five details the movement of unique individuals between waivers and Table Six details the CSB at which each transfer occurred.

Transition from Building Independence to Family and Individual Supports	12
Transition from Building Independence to Community Living	3
Transition from Family and Individual Supports to Community Living	23
TOTAL	38

CSB	Waiver of Origin	Waiver to which Transferred
Prince William	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Northwestern	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports

Norfolk	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Northwestern	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Rappahannock Area	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Colonial	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Rappahannock Area	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Henrico	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Norfolk	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Fairfax	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Chesapeake	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Portsmouth	Building Independence	Family and Individual Supports
Blue Ridge	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Rockbridge	Building Independence	Community Living
Fairfax	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Crossroads	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Rappahannock Area	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Rappahannock Area	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Norfolk	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Henrico	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Fairfax	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Horizon	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Harrisonburg-Rockingham	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Colonial	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Fairfax	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Fairfax	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Fairfax	Building Independence	Community Living
Henrico	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Danville	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Cumberland	Building Independence	Community Living
New River	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
New River	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Danville	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Fairfax	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Portsmouth	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Fairfax	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Rappahannock-Rapidan	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living
Chesapeake	Family and Individual Supports	Community Living

Conclusion

DBHDS continues to work with families of individuals in need of services to ensure they have access to those services most appropriate for their needs. DBHDS also continues to work to make sure that the waivers allocated to serve Virginians with disabilities are being used as effectively as possible.