

May 3, 1979

Regional Recommendations for Fiscal Year 1979-80  
Annual FRS Allocations for County Programs

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS FOR MENTAL RETARDATION

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Secretary O'Bannon has directed that the program offices submit recommendations for Fiscal Year 1979-80 County Program allocations to her office by June 1, 1979. She has also directed that the allocations be based upon the information in the individual Annual County Plans. The attached memorandum clarifies the Secretary's position regarding the allocation process for Fiscal Year 1979-80.

To comply with the Secretary's directive as it relates to the FRS Program, it is necessary that the Regions submit their recommendations for Fiscal Year 1979-80 County FRS Program allocations to Arthur Geisler by May 22, 1979. The Regional allocation recommendations for County FRS Programs must be accompanied by a brief justification (one or two paragraphs) which explains the rationale for each County Program's FRS allocation level.

Consistent with the Secretary's position regarding the County Plan/Allocation process, those County Programs which have not submitted the necessary planning information which is to serve as a basis for determining annual program allocations should not be rewarded with significant allocation increases.

In the past it has been beneficial both to Regional and Central Office staff to meet and discuss the recommended FRS allocations prior to their submission to the Secretary. Therefore I am requesting that you have your field representative(s) arrange a meeting with Mr. Geisler between May 15 and May 24 to discuss the Region's recommendations for FRS allocation to the County Programs.

Please refer any questions about this information to Mr. Arthur Geisler at 8-447-5102.

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May 1, 1979

**SUBJECT:** Community MH/MR Program Allocation  
Process - Fiscal Year 1979-80

**TO:** COUNTY MH/MR ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**FROM:** Helen B. O'Bannon  
Secretary of Public Welfare

The Offices of Mental Health and Mental Retardation have defined specific processes upon which they will base their County MH/MR Program allocation recommendations for Fiscal Year 1979-80. They will use data included in the Annual Plans as a basis for making those recommendations.

The Fiscal Year 1979-80 Plan and Budget Guidelines were promulgated during September, 1978, with the request that counties submit their complete plans to the Department no later than February 1, 1979. Some County Administrative Units have not yet submitted their plans.

For plan data to be used in the allocation process, each County Plan must be received in the Regional and Central Offices of DPW no later than May 15, 1979.

The 1979-80 allocation for programs which have not submitted their plans by that date will receive quarterly payments which reflect no dollar increase over Fiscal Year 1978-79 until the Department has received the plans and reviewed them accordingly.

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