Continue services for vulnerable people with disabilities

Issues:

- Community-Based Services (CBS) provides residential and vocational support services for people with mental illness, intellectual disabilities and other conditions.
- Services are provided in more than 150 group homes and vocational facilities located in communities across Minnesota.
- CBS is expected to operate the program on the revenue it collects for the services it provides to clients. The rates for those services are not set by CBS but through a statutory process. State salary and other personnel costs consistently exceed the maximum allowed under the mandated rate-setting process. This contributes to an operating loss for the programs.
- To further mitigate operating losses, CBS is in the process of transitioning its services to support individuals consistent with the Direct Care and Treatment (DCT) strategic vision and who require an exceptional level of care, which will result in increased rates for services.

Proposal:

- Governor Tim Walz’s budget recommends an operating adjustment for CBS to continue to serve more than 1,100 people in residential and vocational sites across Minnesota.
- This proposal provides additional funding to help fill the gap between the revenue generated and the cost of operating the program.
- The proposal would support the financial stability of the program and maintenance of services for individuals currently living in CBS programs and those individuals referred to CBS who cannot or will not be supported by private providers.

Benefits:

The program will become financially stable and be able to serve more challenging clients who cannot or will not be cared for by private providers.

Fiscal impact:

- FY 2020-21, $5.3 million
- FY 2022-23, $7.46 million
Related information:

- Direct Care and Treatment webpage: http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/adults/services/direct-care-treatment/

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