

February 8, 2021

The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S

and

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
Statehouse, Room 111-N

Dear Senator Billinger and Representative Waymaster:

The items contained in this memo, Governor's Budget Amendment No. 1, amend the budget that I submitted to you in January. The items reflect current issues that have arisen or changes that can be made based on current information. Total adjustments to expenditures are shown below.

Expenditures	<u>FY 2022</u>
State General Fund	\$ 2,424,006
All Other Funds	<u> --</u>
All Funds	\$ 2,424,006

Larned State Hospital

1. State Security Program

As part of the Larned State Hospital (LSH) reduction package submitted in the Hospital's budget for FY 2022, LSH would close one male unit of the State Security Program (SSP) for a reduction of \$2.2 million of expenditures from the State General Fund. SSP provides forensic services for all 105 counties in Kansas. The SSP serves district court males and females under specific forensic statutes for evaluation and treatment. The Evaluation Program include competency evaluations, presentence evaluations, mental state at the time of the crime evaluations, and sexual predator evaluations. The Treatment Program includes competency restoration, treatment in lieu of confinement or imprisonment, not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect, and a small number of female offenders transferred from the department of corrections. The program temporarily vacated a 30-bed male unit to allow isolation space for any SSP patients who would test positive for COVID-19. This budget reduction would close this male district court unit and reduce the available district court male beds from 90 to 60. Reducing district court beds in the SSP would result in a substantial impact for the criminal court system across Kansas as well as the Mental Health Centers and law enforcement agencies. Individuals with felony crimes would go unserved for competency restoration, evaluation, and care and treatment for increasingly longer periods of time. The pending admission list would increase for these individuals, resulting in longer wait times in county jails or inability to properly serve specific individuals with mental illness. I amend the budget to add \$2.2 million from the State General Fund in FY 2022 to ensure that the LSH SSP has the resources needed to provide all necessary care to SSP patients. This GBA will allow LSH to restore services in the SSP to pre-pandemic levels when infection control guidance or COVID-19 recommendations would allow for the return to normal patient levels. It is important to note that reopening the 30-bed male unit to regular use, as opposed to isolation beds, will be dependent on when isolation beds are no longer necessary due to COVID-19.

Expenditures	FY 2022
State General Fund	\$ 2,191,550
All Other Funds	--
All Funds	\$ 2,191,550

Larned State Hospital

2. Psychiatric Services Program

As part of the Larned State Hospital (LSH) reduction package submitted in the Hospital's budget for FY 2022, LSH would reduce the Psychiatric Services Program (PSP) population from 90 to 72 for a reduction of \$232,456 of expenditures from the State General Fund. The PSP Program serves adults who need treatment for mental illness or evaluation by court commitment or by voluntary admission. The hospital serves residents from 61 counties in western and central Kansas. During the COVID-19 pandemic, LSH entered a managed moratorium when the PSP program beds were reduced by 18 beds from 90 beds because of double room occupancy. This limited the current census to 72 beds to properly distance patients to occupy individual rooms to prevent the potential spread of Coronavirus. I amend the budget to add \$232,456 from the State General Fund in FY 2022 to ensure that the LSH PSP has the resources needed to provide all

necessary care to PSP patients. This GBA will allow LSH to restore services in the PSP to pre-pandemic levels when infection control guidance or COVID-19 recommendations would allow for the return to normal patient levels. It is important to note that reopening these 18 beds will require converting 18 rooms back to double occupancy from the current single occupancy use. This conversion will be dependent on when patient distancing is no longer necessary due to COVID-19.

Expenditures	<u>FY 2022</u>
State General Fund	\$ 232,456
All Other Funds	<u>--</u>
All Funds	\$ 232,456