



# **EOHHS Presentation: OHIC Social and Human Service Programs Review Advisory Council**

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# EOHHS Vision, Mission, and Core Values

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# Vision and Mission

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## OUR VISION

- **Resilient, equitable, and just communities nurturing the health, safety, wellbeing, and independence of all Rhode Islanders.**

## OUR MISSION

- **To foster and strengthen a community-driven, equitable, comprehensive, responsive, and high-quality health and human services system in Rhode Island.**



# Core Values and guiding principles

## VOICE



### Consumer, Provider, and Community Voice

- Ensure that the voices of our communities are heard and respected without assuming we know what is best.
- Intentionally involve community members in programs and policies from the onset and purposefully ask “what is needed?” throughout the process.
- Create a new balance of power by committing to transparency, accountability, and partnerships.

## CHOICE



### Responsive to the Uniqueness of Every Individual

- The needs and aspirations of individuals, families, and community are heard, valued, and respected.
- The whole person, the family unit, and the community in which they live are recognized.
- Policies and systems have options that allow people to exercise choice and make healthy decisions.

## EQUITY



### Achieving Equity for All

- Ensuring that all Rhode Islanders have the resources and opportunity to achieve their full potential.
- Meeting the needs of all people regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race/ethnicity, age, and disability status.
- Asking “what role, if any, is race, racial discrimination, and social injustice playing in our decision making?”

# Health and Human Service Priorities

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## **PRIORITY 1:**

**Focus on the root causes and the socioeconomic and environmental determinants of health that ensure individuals can achieve their full potential.**

## **PRIORITY 2:**

**Promote continuums of care that deliver efficient, effective, and equitable services across the life course.**

## **PRIORITY 3:**

**Address addiction, improve the behavioral health system, and combat stigma, bias, and discrimination.**

## **PRIORITY 4:**

**Develop and support a robust and diverse health and human services workforce to meet the needs of every Rhode Islander.**

## **PRIORITY 5:**

**Modernize, integrate, and transform health information technology and data systems to support value-based systems of care.**

# EOHHS FY23 Budget Implementation Projects

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# Key EOHHS FY23 Budget Implementation Projects

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- Implementation of FY23 Rate Increases:
  - Inpatient and outpatient hospital rate increases of 5%
  - Labor and delivery rate increase of 20%
  - Nursing facility rate increase of 3% plus additional money to support minimum staffing requirements
  - Home health agency rate increase to support \$15/hr minimum wage
  - Independent provider model: Invested \$265,574 (all funds) to increase rates
  - Personal choice rate increase: Invested \$12.5 million (all funds) to increase the minimum wage that self-directed consumers are required to pay their direct care staff from \$11.50 to \$15 an hour, and the maximum allowable wage from \$15 to \$21 an hour

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- Implementation of FY23 Rate Increases:
  - Home delivered meal rate increases (including a now-annual rate increase based on the CPI-U for New England)
  - Pediatric primary care rate increase to align with Medicare rates
  - Early intervention rate increase
  - Children's therapeutic and respite services rate increase: Invested \$20.2 million (all funds) to increase rates for services for children with special health care needs
  - Adult dental rate increase to match Massachusetts level



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- Behavioral Health Projects
  - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
    - Implementation of the \$30 million Infrastructure Grant Program – 10 CCBHC Sites and 20 Designated Collaborating Organization sites
    - CCBHC Rate Development and State Plan Amendment Creation
  - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Billing Preparation
  - LTC Rebalancing Funds

# Key EOHHS FY23 HCBS Projects

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- Workforce Transformation:
  - Hiring and Retention Incentives
  - Tuition Waiver Equity Initiative
  - Career Awareness & Outreach
  - Advanced Certification for Direct Care Workers
- Children's Behavioral Health Implementation
  - Mobile Response & Stabilization Services (Mobile Crisis)
  - Expansion of the Children/Youth Service Array beyond DCYF
  - Expansion of Children/Youth Care Coordination
  - Support for First Connections Family Home Visiting

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- **Oral Health:**
  - Public Health Dental Hygienist Enhancement
  - Oral Health Home Health Pilot
- **Housing-Related Projects**
  - Medical Respite Pilot
  - Home Stabilization Services Expansion
- **Long Term Services and Supports**
  - Assisted Living Expansion Grants
  - Conflict-Free Case Management Services
  - Person-Centered Option Counseling Network Expansion
  - LTSS Information Technology Modernization

# Additional EOHHS Funding Responsibilities

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- Overseeing the implementation/procurement of \$20 million in FY23 Opioid Settlement dollars and \$4.5 million in Opioid Stewardship Dollars
- Overseeing the planning for the passage of approximately \$10 million in FY24 Opioid Settlement dollars and \$4.5 million in FY24 Opioid Stewardship Dollars

# **EOHHS FY24 Proposed Budget Rate Increases and Next Steps**

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# EOHHS Proposed FY24 Budget Rate Increases

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- CCBHC Rate Creation
- Cedar Family Centers Rate Increase (as the only Medicaid children's service not to receive a rate increase in the FY23 budget cycle)



# Looking Forward

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- Pending budget approval, EOHHS will be carrying out the following in FY24:
  - Implementing the newly-created CCBHC rate
  - Reviewing OHIC Rate Review Reports for SFY25 budget consideration

# Q&A/Discussion

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