

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 48: Mental Health Regulatory Agency Personal Services Shortfall

To: Emergency Board
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Girod

The General Government Subcommittee heard a request from the Mental Health Regulatory Agency, Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, to increase Other Funds expenditure limitation, on a one-time basis, for personal services costs.

An increase in licenses and renewals workload and two recent staff retirements has led the Board to utilize two temporary staff to help with administrative functions, while permanent staff focused on the licensing workload. This has required some overtime to meet the demand of their customer service response times. The two staff retirements also included vacation leave payouts causing further unanticipated impacts to the Board's expenditure limitation. The Board has a sufficient cash balance to cover the increased expenditures.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Mental Health Regulatory Agency, Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, by \$210,000 for increased personal services costs.