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I am an addiction counselor and have worked with the dual diagnosis. I have seen the need for mental health and substance abuse . The waiting list for services are long. People in need of services need to be served in a timely manner. I recently facilitated groups of 25-27 clients. Why? Because we didnt have wait list. However the quality of the group suffered and counselors workload was impossible to work with. We need to continue to keep the funds directed by people who understand. The funds need to stay with the original intention and not be diverted