

SENATE FILE NO. SF0076

Mental health and substance abuse appropriations.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Mental Health and
Substance Abuse Services

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to mental health and substance abuse
2 services; providing appropriations; providing continuous
3 appropriations; specifying conditions; authorizing
4 positions; continuing a study of mental health and
5 substance abuse service delivery systems; and providing for
6 effective dates.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1. Wyoming state hospital co-occurring**
11 **conditions treatment program.**

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13 (a) There is appropriated three hundred eighty-three
14 thousand six hundred sixty dollars (\$383,660.00), or as
15 much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
16 Wyoming state hospital, for the fiscal year beginning July

1 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds appropriated
2 under this subsection shall only be used to implement a
3 program to treat individuals with co-occurring diagnoses of
4 serious, persistent mental illness and alcohol/substance
5 abuse, dependence or addiction. The program shall provide
6 initial psychiatric symptom stabilization, followed by a
7 treatment intervention, using multi-therapeutic
8 interventions to include social integration and
9 rehabilitation, vocational guidance and individualized
10 recovery and rehabilitation goals to manage the person's
11 mental illness and substance abuse issues.

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13 (b) The Wyoming state hospital is authorized eight
14 (8) full-time equivalent positions to implement the program
15 specified in subsection (a) of this section.

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17 (c) The department of health shall include a request
18 in its 2009-2010 standard budget request for purposes of
19 continuing funding of the program specified in subsection
20 (a) of this section and the positions authorized under
21 subsection (b) of this section.

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23 **Section 2. Wyoming state hospital adult acute care**
24 **program.**

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2 (a) There is appropriated one million two hundred
3 thirty-five thousand one hundred fifty-six dollars
4 (\$1,235,156.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
5 the general fund to the Wyoming state hospital, for the
6 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30,
7 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
8 only be used to implement a program to treat up to fourteen
9 (14) mentally ill adult acute care patients at any given
10 time at the Wyoming state hospital. The funds under this
11 appropriation shall be expended as follows:

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13 (i) Not more than nine hundred seventy-five
14 thousand one hundred fifty-six dollars (\$975,156.00) shall
15 be for salaries and benefits of support staff necessary to
16 implement the program;

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18 (ii) Not more than two hundred sixty thousand
19 dollars (\$260,000.00) shall be for support services,
20 including food, outside medical services, pharmacy and
21 medical supplies and other miscellaneous start up costs.

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1 (b) The Wyoming state hospital is authorized twenty-
2 four (24) full-time equivalent positions to implement the
3 program specified in subsection (a) of this section.

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5 (c) The department of health shall include a request
6 in its 2009-2010 standard budget request for purposes of
7 continuing funding of the program specified in subsection
8 (a) of this section and the positions authorized under
9 subsection (b) of this section.

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11 **Section 3. Regional residential treatment for persons**
12 **with co-occurring disorders.**

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14 There is appropriated one million six hundred fifty-seven
15 thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1,657,700.00), or as much
16 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
17 department of health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
18 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds appropriated
19 under this subsection shall only be used to fund not more
20 than two (2) treatment facilities in the state to serve
21 persons with co-occurring disorders of mental illness and
22 alcohol or substance abuse. The funding shall be expended
23 to serve not more than twelve (12) clients at any given
24 time in each of the facilities selected by the department

1 of health, in consultation with the mental health division
2 and the substance abuse division, through a competitive bid
3 process.

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5 **Section 4. Salary increases; substance abuse**
6 **providers.**

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8 (a) There is appropriated one million three hundred
9 fifty-nine thousand five hundred twenty-two dollars
10 (\$1,359,522.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
11 the general fund to the department of health, substance
12 abuse division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007
13 and ending June 30, 2008.

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15 (b) The appropriation under this section shall be
16 distributed to community substance abuse treatment centers
17 under contract with the division and shall only be expended
18 by the community substance abuse treatment centers to
19 increase the salaries of direct care personnel in community
20 substance abuse treatment centers.

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22 **Section 5. Salary increases; mental health providers.**

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1 (a) There is appropriated one million eight hundred
2 twenty-six thousand one hundred forty-eight dollars
3 (\$1,826,148.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
4 the general fund to the department of health, mental health
5 division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and
6 ending June 30, 2008.

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8 (b) The appropriation under this section shall be
9 distributed to community mental health centers under
10 contract with the division and shall only be expended by
11 the community mental health centers to increase the
12 salaries of direct care personnel in community mental
13 health centers.

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15 **Section 6. Supported housing.**

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17 (a) There is appropriated two million two hundred
18 nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,209,900.00), or as
19 much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
20 department of health, mental health division, for the
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30,
22 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
23 be used to enable community mental health centers to
24 provide community-based housing and residential services

1 for clients with serious and persistent mental illness.
2 The residential services shall include appropriate support
3 to enable the residents in the housing to develop or
4 improve daily living skills, including self-care, meal
5 preparation, shopping and budgeting proficiencies so the
6 client may successfully remain in an independent living
7 situation. The funds under this subsection shall only be
8 expended as follows:

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10 (i) Not more than one hundred ninety-four
11 thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$194,150.00) to a
12 community mental health center that enters into a contract
13 with the mental health division to establish ten (10)
14 supervised apartments in Albany county;

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16 (ii) Not more than two million fifteen thousand
17 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,015,750.00) to the mental
18 health division to enter into contracts with community
19 mental health centers that agree to establish a group home
20 in each of the following regions of the state:

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22 (A) In the southeast region of Wyoming;

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24 (B) In the northeast region of Wyoming;

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(C) In the southwest region of Wyoming;

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(D) In the northwest region of Wyoming; and

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(E) In the central region of Wyoming.

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(b) There is appropriated three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the department of health, mental health division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall be distributed to community mental health centers in the five (5) regions designated by the division. The funds under this subsection shall only be used by the community mental health centers within each region receiving the funds to hire one (1) master's degree level housing expert to assist the community mental health centers within the region to acquire, write and manage loans, grants and contracts related to housing for clients. Each housing expert shall be responsible for the development of a comprehensive mental health housing needs assessment and plan for the respective region. Community mental health centers

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1 receiving funds under this subsection shall only expend the
2 funds to pay the salary and benefits of the housing expert
3 hired under this subsection. Any funds unobligated and
4 unexpended under this subsection on June 30, 2008, shall
5 revert to the budget reserve account.

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7 (c) There is appropriated fifty-eight thousand
8 dollars (\$58,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary,
9 from the general fund to the department of health, mental
10 health division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007
11 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds appropriated under
12 this subsection shall only be used to pay the salary and
13 benefits of one (1) full-time equivalent employee to
14 coordinate housing planning and development authorized
15 under subsection (b) of this section. The mental health
16 division is authorized one (1) full-time equivalent
17 position to coordinate statewide the housing planning and
18 development authorized under subsection (b) of this
19 section.

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21 **Section 7. Services for seniors with mental illness.**

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23 (a) There is appropriated twenty-seven thousand
24 dollars (\$27,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary,

1 from the general fund to the department of health, mental
2 health division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007
3 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds appropriated under
4 this subsection shall only be used to provide one (1)
5 training program per year to clinical staff who work in
6 community mental health or substance abuse centers with
7 older adults who have mental health or alcohol or substance
8 abuse problems.

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10 (b) There is appropriated seventy-five thousand
11 dollars (\$75,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary,
12 from the general fund to the department of health, mental
13 health division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007
14 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds appropriated under
15 this subsection shall only be used to provide specialized
16 training throughout the state to nursing home staff who
17 work with older adults who have mental health or alcohol or
18 substance abuse problems.

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20 **Section 8. Mental health regional services**
21 **enhancements.**

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23 (a) There is appropriated one hundred forty-two
24 thousand two hundred dollars (\$142,200.00), or as much

1 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
2 department of health, mental health division, for the
3 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30,
4 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
5 only be used to purchase not more than eighteen (18) self-
6 contained telepsychiatry equipment units each consisting
7 of, at minimum, a monitor, a high definition camera, a
8 microphone and necessary software. The self-contained
9 telepsychiatry equipment units shall be distributed to
10 community mental health centers that do not have such
11 equipment to enable the centers to provide telepsychiatry
12 in rural and frontier areas of the state.

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14 (b) There is appropriated nine hundred seventy-one
15 thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$971,250.00), or as
16 much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
17 department of health, mental health division, for the
18 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30,
19 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
20 only be used to enable community mental health centers to
21 contract with psychiatrists who may be accessed through
22 telepsychiatry services. Funds under this subsection shall
23 be distributed within regions of the state designated by
24 the mental health division, upon application showing that

1 one (1) or more community mental health centers that are
2 under contract with the mental health division within the
3 designated region have contracted with a qualified
4 psychiatrist to provide the services authorized under this
5 section. Community mental health centers receiving funds
6 under this subsection shall only expend the funds to
7 contract with a psychiatrist under this subsection. Any
8 funds unobligated and unexpended under this subsection on
9 June 30, 2008, shall revert to the budget reserve account.

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11 (c) There is appropriated one million one hundred
12 twenty thousand dollars (\$1,120,000.00), or as much thereof
13 as is necessary, from the general fund to the department of
14 health, mental health division, for the fiscal year
15 beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds
16 appropriated under this subsection shall only be used to
17 enhance the availability of nursing support services in
18 conjunction with the psychiatrists under contract with
19 community mental health centers in regions of the state as
20 designated by the mental health division. Funds under this
21 subsection shall be distributed within regions of the state
22 designated by the mental health division, upon application
23 showing that community mental health centers under contract
24 with the state have contracted with qualified nursing staff

1 to provide the support to psychiatrists under contract with
2 the centers. Community mental health centers receiving
3 funds under this subsection shall only expend the funds to
4 contract with nurses under this subsection. Any funds
5 unobligated and unexpended under this subsection on June
6 30, 2008, shall revert to the budget reserve account.

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8 (d) There is appropriated seventy-five thousand
9 dollars (\$75,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary,
10 from the general fund to the department of health, mental
11 health division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007
12 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds appropriated under
13 this subsection shall only be used to provide regional
14 training of general or specialty practice physicians on the
15 identification, diagnosis and pharmacological treatment of
16 common mental health and substance abuse problems. The
17 training sessions shall be conducted by a contractor
18 selected by the mental health division through a
19 competitive bid process.

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21 (e) There is appropriated four hundred thirty-two
22 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$432,800.00), or as much
23 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
24 department of health, mental health division, for the

1 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30,
2 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
3 be distributed to community mental health centers under
4 contract with the mental health division to enhance
5 ancillary transportation support services for clients of
6 the community mental health centers. The funds under this
7 subsection shall be distributed to community mental health
8 centers within regions of the state designated by the
9 mental health division under the existing distribution
10 formula within each region only upon a commitment by the
11 community mental health centers within the region to
12 develop a coordinated plan for transportation throughout
13 the region.

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15 (f) There is appropriated three hundred fifty-six
16 thousand two hundred forty dollars (\$356,240.00), or as
17 much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
18 department of health, mental health division, for the
19 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30,
20 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
21 only be used to expand the availability of respite care
22 statewide. The mental health division shall contract with
23 community mental health centers for respite care for
24 families and caregivers of clients unable to care for

1 themselves to provide the respite care funded under this
2 subsection. The funds under this subsection shall be
3 distributed to community mental health centers within
4 regions of the state designated by the mental health
5 division under the existing distribution formula within
6 each region only upon a commitment by the community mental
7 health centers within the region to coordinate respite care
8 throughout the region.

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10 **Section 9. Mental health services for infants and**
11 **children.**

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13 There is appropriated one million four hundred thousand
14 dollars (\$1,400,000.00), or as much thereof as is
15 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
16 health, mental health division, for the fiscal year
17 beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds
18 appropriated under this subsection shall only be used by
19 community mental health centers to contract with the
20 equivalent of not more than twenty (20) full-time master's
21 degree level therapists. The persons under contract with
22 community mental health centers pursuant to this section
23 shall provide early intervention services for families with
24 preschool age children who are experiencing or are at risk

1 of behavioral, mental or alcohol or substance abuse
2 disorders. Funds under this section shall only be
3 distributed to community mental health centers that have
4 established interagency collaborations within the region
5 designated by the division in which the center is located
6 to provide early intervention services as specified in this
7 subsection. Community mental health centers receiving
8 funds under this section shall only expend the funds to
9 contract with therapists as authorized by this section.
10 Any funds unobligated and unexpended under this section on
11 June 30, 2008, shall revert to the budget reserve account.

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13 **Section 10. Base funding increase for mental health**
14 **centers and substance abuse providers.**

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16 (a) There is appropriated sixteen thousand one
17 hundred dollars (\$16,100.00), or as much thereof as is
18 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
19 health, mental health division, for the fiscal year
20 beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds
21 appropriated under this subsection shall be used to
22 increase the base funding for each community mental health
23 center providing services under contract with the mental
24 health division. The funds under this subsection shall be

1 in addition to the existing base funding authorized for
2 community mental health centers providing services under
3 contract with the mental health division and shall
4 establish a base funding level of seventy-seven thousand
5 dollars (\$77,000.00) per year for each county.

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7 (b) There is appropriated seven hundred twenty-nine
8 thousand dollars (\$729,000.00), or as much thereof as is
9 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
10 health, substance abuse division, for the fiscal year
11 beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds
12 appropriated under this subsection shall be used to
13 increase the base funding for each community substance
14 abuse treatment center providing services under contract
15 with the substance abuse division. The funds under this
16 subsection shall be in addition to the existing base
17 funding authorized for community substance abuse treatment
18 centers providing services under contract with the
19 substance abuse division and shall establish a base funding
20 level of seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$77,000.00) per
21 year for each such community substance abuse treatment
22 center.

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1 **Section 11. Department of health; remodeling and**
2 **expansion costs for mental health and substance abuse**
3 **divisions.**

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5 (a) There is appropriated three hundred seventy-nine
6 thousand three hundred twenty-three dollars (\$379,323.00),
7 or as much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund
8 to the department of health, mental health division, for
9 the period beginning with the effective date of this act
10 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds under this subsection
11 shall be used as follows:

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13 (i) Not more than two hundred fifty thousand six
14 hundred forty dollars (\$250,640.00) shall be one-time funds
15 expended to allow the acquisition and remodeling of
16 additional space within the Qwest building in Cheyenne and
17 the purchase of necessary furniture and equipment to
18 accommodate the needs of the mental health division;

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20 (ii) Not more than one hundred twenty-eight
21 thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars (\$128,683.00)
22 shall be used for continuing operating costs.

1 (b) There is appropriated eighty-nine thousand one
2 hundred fourteen dollars (\$89,114.00), or as much thereof
3 as is necessary, from the general fund to the department of
4 health, substance abuse division, for the period beginning
5 with the effective date of this act and ending June 30,
6 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
7 only be used to pay the costs of remodeling, purchasing of
8 office equipment and furniture and space rental. The funds
9 under this subsection shall be used to allow the
10 acquisition and remodeling of additional space within the
11 Qwest building in Cheyenne to accommodate the needs of
12 additional employees authorized for the substance abuse
13 division under 2006 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 40.

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15 **Section 12. Substance abuse treatment residential**
16 **services.**

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18 (a) There is appropriated two million one hundred
19 thirty-one thousand three hundred seventeen dollars
20 (\$2,131,317.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
21 the general fund to the department of health, substance
22 abuse division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007
23 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds appropriated under
24 this subsection shall only be used to increase the capacity

1 of community substance abuse treatment centers to provide
2 residential treatment. Funds appropriated under this
3 section shall be distributed to regions designated by the
4 division as follows:

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6 (i) To community substance abuse treatment
7 centers in the central region, residential services shall
8 be expanded to serve at any given time:

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10 (A) Seventeen (17) additional adult female
11 clients;

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13 (B) Thirty-seven (37) additional adult male
14 clients; and

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16 (C) Ten (10) additional clients who are
17 minors.

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19 (ii) To community substance abuse treatment
20 centers in the northeast region, residential services shall
21 be expanded to serve at any given time:

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23 (A) Ten (10) additional adult female
24 clients; and

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(B) Six (6) additional adult male clients.

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(iii) To community substance abuse treatment centers in the southwest region, residential services shall be expanded to serve twenty (20) additional adult female clients at any given time;

(iv) To community substance abuse treatment centers in the northwest region, residential services shall be expanded to serve six (6) additional clients at any given time to include medical detoxification services for the clients served under this paragraph.

(b) There is appropriated three hundred ninety-nine thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$399,160.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the department of health, substance abuse division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall only be used to establish and provide transitional residential services throughout the state at any given time for not more than:

1 (i) Thirty-three (33) male clients with alcohol
2 or substance abuse problems; and

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4 (ii) Thirty (30) female clients with alcohol or
5 substance abuse problems.

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7 (c) There is appropriated one million two hundred
8 fifty-nine thousand two hundred fifty dollars
9 (\$1,259,250.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
10 the general fund to the department of health, substance
11 abuse division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007
12 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds appropriated under
13 this subsection shall only be used to establish social
14 detoxification services in each of the regions of the state
15 designated by the division. Not more than seventy-six (76)
16 clients statewide with alcohol or substance abuse problems
17 shall be served at any given time by the funds appropriated
18 under this subsection.

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20 **Section 13. Substance abuse-Native American**
21 **traditional healing.**

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23 There is appropriated three hundred eighty-four thousand
24 nine hundred twenty dollars (\$384,920.00), or as much

1 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
2 department of health, substance abuse division, for the
3 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30,
4 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
5 be used to implement a traditional healing program for
6 Native American clients with alcohol or substance abuse
7 problems who reside on the Wind River Reservation.

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9 **Section 14. Substance abuse regional services**
10 **enhancements.**

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12 (a) There is appropriated four hundred fifty-nine
13 thousand dollars (\$459,000.00), or as much thereof as is
14 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
15 health, substance abuse division, for the fiscal year
16 beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The funds
17 appropriated under this subsection shall be used by the
18 division to enable community substance abuse treatment
19 centers to provide and enhance quality of life services for
20 clients of the centers, including:

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22 (i) Emergency subsistence;

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24 (ii) Prescription medication;

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2 (iii) Health and medical support transportation,
3 including access to clinical services, medical, dental and
4 optometric services and educational resources;

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6 (iv) Housing deposits, retention and safety
7 enhancements;

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9 (v) Care, including respite care, and medical
10 and other health care; and

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12 (vi) Other services approved by the division and
13 itemized by the community substance abuse provider on the
14 appropriate reimbursement form.

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16 **Section 15. Department of health client information**
17 **sharing database appropriation.**

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19 (a) Only if 2007 House Bill 0133, department of
20 health client information sharing, is enacted into law,
21 there is appropriated three hundred sixty-three thousand
22 two hundred dollars (\$363,200.00), or as much thereof as
23 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
24 health as follows:

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2 (i) For the period beginning with the effective
3 date of this act and ending June 30, 2007, there is
4 appropriated forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to the
5 department of health. The funds appropriated under this
6 paragraph shall be used to enable the mental health
7 division and the substance abuse division to continue
8 developing the client information system database,
9 including compilation and conversion of client data as
10 necessary for fiscal years 2005 through 2007, to implement
11 2007 House Bill 0133;

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13 (ii) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007
14 and ending June 30, 2008, there is appropriated one hundred
15 sixty-one thousand six hundred dollars (\$161,600.00) to the
16 mental health division to finalize the client information
17 system database, to compile and process client information
18 data through fiscal year 2008 and to distribute funding to
19 community mental health providers under contract with the
20 division as provided in paragraph (iv) of this subsection;

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22 (iii) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007
23 and ending June 30, 2008, there is appropriated one hundred
24 sixty-one thousand six hundred dollars (\$161,600.00) to the

1 substance abuse division to finalize the client information
2 system database, to compile and process client information
3 data through fiscal year 2008 and to distribute funding to
4 community substance abuse treatment providers under
5 contract with the division as provided in paragraph (iv) of
6 this subsection;

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8 (iv) Of the funds appropriated under paragraphs
9 (ii) and (iii) of this subsection, not more than one
10 hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00) shall be
11 distributed to community mental health and substance abuse
12 treatment providers under contract with the division of
13 mental health or the division of substance abuse to conform
14 client data and submit the client data for inclusion in the
15 client information system developed by the department of
16 health.

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18 **Section 16. Mental health and substance abuse;**
19 **Medicaid reimbursement rates.**

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21 (a) There is appropriated one million four hundred
22 thirty-two thousand four hundred forty dollars
23 (\$1,432,440.00) from the general fund and one million four
24 hundred seventy-four thousand eight hundred eighty-eight

1 dollars (\$1,474,888.00) from federal funds to the
2 department of health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
3 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

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5 (b) The funds appropriated under this section shall
6 be used by the department of health to increase the
7 Medicaid service code reimbursement rates paid under the
8 Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act for mental
9 health and substance abuse treatment services for the
10 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30,
11 2008. For the specified fiscal year, the Medicaid service
12 code reimbursement rates for mental health and substance
13 abuse treatment services shall be paid at a rate of eighty-
14 seven dollars (\$87.00) per hour.

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16 **Section 17. Select committee on mental health and**
17 **substance abuse services.**

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19 Of the appropriation under 2006 Wyoming Session Laws,
20 Chapter 40, section 14, all remaining funds shall carry
21 forward from the effective date of this act through June
22 30, 2008 to enable the select committee on mental health
23 and substance abuse services to continue its study of
24 issues and to propose legislation for a more cost effective

1 and accessible delivery system of services for persons in
2 need of mental health or alcohol or substance abuse
3 treatment.

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5 **Section 18.** This act is effective immediately upon
6 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
7 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
8 Constitution.

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10 (END)