

CALL TO ACTION - 3/26/2013
MENTAL HEALTH ITEMS IN THE 2013-2015 STATE BUDGET

As the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee begins public hearings in advance of its review of the Governor's 2013-2015 proposed state budget it is critical that mental health consumers, family members, advocates, providers and other stakeholders make their voices heard. We need to make sure that legislators know that the mental health community supports the Governor's \$29 million mental health initiative and we need to address other mental health related items in the Governor's budget.

TAKE ACTION

- **Contact members of the Joint Finance Committee and your legislators to provide your input at this critical stage of the budget process.**
- **Consider providing input at one of the Joint Finance Committee hearings. Hearing information can be found at the website above.**

SUGGESTED MESSAGE

The key messages are:

- Support the Governor's mental health initiative.
- Enhance mental health services for those involved in the criminal justice system.
- Oppose special needs vouchers; remove this item from the budget.
- Ensure that the changes to the Medical Assistance Purchase Plan do not result in individuals losing Medicaid eligibility and critical health care services.
- Support expansion of Medicaid to 133% of the FPL for adults without dependent children to ensure that this population receives appropriate services and the state benefits from the 100% federal funding over the first three years.

Details are provided in the position paper and related documents which can be found at:

<http://www.mhc.state.wi.us/legispolicy.htm> (scroll to bottom of page)

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