



EOHHS Senate Commission Briefing

Briefing on Developmental Disabilities Division & Eleanor Slater Hospital by BHDDH and DCYF – January 20, 2022

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BHDDH Developmental Disabilities Division

Division Overview

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BHDDH Developmental Disabilities Division: Overview

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is responsible for planning, funding and overseeing a community system of services and supports for adults with developmental disabilities.

- The Division funds a statewide network of community services and supports for Rhode Islanders living with intellectual and significant developmental disabilities. These services are available through community provider agencies. Individuals and families may also receive self-directed services.
- Ensures access to available resources in response to the unique needs of each person receiving services.
- Supports opportunities for meaningful roles in the community for people living with developmental disabilities. This includes opportunities for jobs at competitive wages.
- Works to achieve the terms of a 2014 federal consent decree and provide integrated employment and day services for individuals living with developmental disabilities.
- Supports person-centered planning. This type of planning helps each person receiving services create a service plan matched to their unique interests and goals.
- Promotes human rights and protect the health and safety of individuals living with developmental disabilities. We do this in part through quality improvement initiatives and the licensing and oversight of service providers.

BHDDH Developmental Disabilities Division: Services

The Developmental Disabilities Division oversees services provided both through licensed, independent organizations and through the state-run Rhode Island Community Living and Supports (RICLAS) system.

- **Residential Services:** Funding and assistance in obtaining residential services, including:
 - Shared Living Arrangements (SLAs): supports life in an individual or family in a home-like setting.
 - Congregate Living/Group Homes:
 - Rhode Island Community Living and Supports (RICLAS): State-administered group home network.
 - Equipment/home modifications
- **Employment Services:** Funding and assistance for services and supports to help individuals connect with employment opportunities.
- **Day/Community Activities:** Daytime supportive activities for eligible individuals.
- **Self-Directed Services:** Funding and assistance with individuals who make their own choices regarding goals, schedule/activities, and supporting providers.
- **Other Supports:** Including transportation, emergency services, and support coordination.

Service needs are identified by the Support Intensity Scale (SIS). Individual and family input are vital to the process.

BHDDH Developmental Disabilities Division: Key Statistics

Overall, the Division supports services for approximately 4,000 adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Key statistics regarding the Division are:

- FY22 Enacted Budget: \$336,685,992 AF (\$145,293,304 GR)
- Licensed Service Providers: 36
- Total Congregate Living Sites: 294 Group Homes
- RICLAS: 109 residents; 21 facilities (19 Group Homes; 2 Apartments)
- Total Employees (as of 01/07/22): 244.6 FTEs
 - RICLAS: 193.6 (excludes 16 FTEs on leave or W/C)
 - Division Staff: 51



Photo: Chris works at The Groden Center, an I/DD provider.

DCYF Developmental Disabilities: Overview

DCYF is responsible for ensuring services and supports for children and youth with developmental disabilities, and supporting successful transitions to the adult system, when needed.

DCYF STAFFING AND STRUCTURE

- **CSBH Family Navigation Unit:** Helps parents or caregivers with children with developmental disabilities access services and residential treatment without relinquishing parental rights.
- **BHDDH Liaison:** Supports planning for youth in DCYF group care who are transitioning to BHDDH adult group care.
- **Family Service Units (FSU):** Within DCYF's child welfare division, a dedicated unit specializes in working with children with developmental disabilities.
- **Family Care Community Partnerships:** Connects families to community-based, DD wraparound supports, when needed.

KEY STATISTICS

- 81 children in DD-specific residential treatment
- Children with developmental disabilities per unit
 - 27 in CSBH Family Navigation unit
 - 86 in FSU DD unit (not all are in residential treatment)
- 25-30 young adults transition each year to BHDDH
- Staffing: 3 caseworkers in CSBH, 5 in FSU DD unit

DCYF & BHDDH: Coordinating Youth and Adult Services

DCYF administers I/DD services for youth, and BHDDH administers I/DD services for adults. Transitioning between the youth and adult systems requires careful and advanced planning.

- **Apply:** Recommended that the application process be initiated two months prior to 17th birthday. Confirmation of application is sent to families after receipt, and completed applications reviewed within 30 days.
- **Assess:** Complete Supports Intensity Scale (SIS-A) is a standardized, nationally validated assessment tool that helps determine the supports an individual needs. Trained workers spend time with the youth/young adult and complete the assessment in partnership with people who know the individual well (including family and teachers).
- **Select:** Eligible young adults and their families are connected to a DD social caseworker at BHDDH who will help to select future services and support.
- **Plan:** Eligible individuals meet with providers to develop an Individual Service Plan (ISP), detailing long- and short-term goals. This plan is submitted to BHDDH's DD Division for approval and is modified as needed.



Eleanor Slater Hospital

Division Overview

Interim CEO: Rick Charest,
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Eleanor Slater Hospital: Overview

Eleanor Slater Hospital (ESH) is operated by BHDDH and treats patients with acute and long-term medical illnesses, as well as patients with mental health conditions.

- Eleanor Slater Hospital provides long-term acute and post-acute hospital level of care to patients with complex medical and psychiatric needs.
- The Hospital is led by an executive team that includes the following roles with respective teams critical to hospital operations:
 - Chief Executive Officer
 - Chief Medical Officer
 - Chief Nursing Officer
 - Chief Financial/Operations Officer
 - Chief Quality Officer.
- Eleanor Slater Hospital has four facilities in two locations – a Cranston Campus and a Zambarano Campus.
 - Pastore Campus (Cranston): the Adolf Meyer and Benton Buildings provide psychiatric services, while the Regan Building provides psychiatric and medical services.
 - Zambarano Campus (Burrillville): the one hospital facility on the Zambarano campus, the Beazley Building, focuses on medical services.

Eleanor Slater Hospital: Services

Eleanor Slater Hospital is licensed as an Acute Care Hospital - and is designated as a Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH) by CMS. ESH services include:

- **Comprehensive Mental Health Services:**
 - **Forensic Services:** Psychiatric care for individuals involved in the criminal justice system, including specialized services transfers from RIDOC.
 - **Civil Psychiatric Services:** Psychiatric care for individuals without a current criminal proceeding or sentence, often including geriatric/psychiatric services and co-occurring behavioral health and developmental disabilities.
 - **Forensic Outpatient Clinic:** Care coordination and case management for individuals with a forensic finding who are not remanded to ESH custody.
- **Ventilator Care:** Treatment and care for individuals in need of ventilator support.
- **Acute Brain Injury Care:** Treatment and supportive services for people who have experienced a traumatic brain injury (TBI).
- **Physical, Occupational, Recreational, Speech and Respiratory Therapies:** Eleanor Slater Hospital provides these services for patients who need these therapies in addition to treatment for other medical or behavioral conditions.

Eleanor Slater Hospital: Key Statistics

The Hospital's current census (as of 12/31/2021) was 215 patients.

Key statistics regarding ESH are:

- FY22 Enacted Budget: \$118,283,372 AF (\$115,970,100 GR)
 - This assumes \$2,003,522 in federal billing; federal billing expected to be higher: +\$11,800,000
- Labor: Employees belonging to 8 unions
- Total Employees (as of 01/07/22):
 - 583.4 FTEs (excludes 48 FTEs on leave or W/C)
 - Between 80-100 contractors who work regularly for ESH at any given time

