Possible Ways to Invest One-Time Levy Funds to Improve Behavioral Health: $756,869

Looking for Board Feedback toward goal of Board Action in November

1. Mitigate Medicaid Cost Shift: Possible need for capacity development at clinical treatment agencies and/or increased treatment funding for needs that are no longer covered by Medicaid due to rule changes.
    - Status: Medicaid rules are still evolving. Need time to assess impact. Need may not materialize until SFY 2028, but we may want to award additional funds to encumber funding. It appears that mental health services may be more severely impacted than substance use.
    - Funding: TBD

2. Critical Facility Needs: Capital fund for the 18+ facilities owned by certified behavioral health providers under contract with the Board which are critical to the network of care. Recommendation to replenish fund each year, as funding permits, to provide an on-going fund to address needs when they arise. Rules regarding need threshold, cost-sharing, funding ceilings would be established. Facilities include: 5 recovery houses, 3 peer/family facilities, 2 DV facilities, 2 SUD residential treatment facilities, 1 group home, 5 clinical sites.
    - Status: Board has requested updated facility needs from providers which will be used to inform funding amount for SFY 2027/28.
    - Funding: TBD

3. School Prevention Partnership: The Board can strengthen behavioral health prevention services to children by partnering with 7 local school districts and 2 career centers that serve over 12,500 students. A funding partnership with schools would further strengthen the Board's engagement with all schools and provide valuable information to shape future prevention programming with federal funding.
    - Status: Invite schools to engage with the Board and offer funding to each school (base + per/student) "up to" amount.
    - Funding: Ball park estimate of $215,000. May want to engage a consultant to help facilitate.

4. Family Peer Support: The value of providing Certified Family Peer Supporters to families with loved ones in psychiatric crisis and substance use crisis, and families involved with Children Services is working well and could be further expanded.
    - Status: Board is assessing potential for expansion.
    - Funding: TBD

Other potential family and child focused initiatives that could be further explored: respite, juvenile courts, child welfare START program expansion to mental health. Workforce development is also a need although there is currently funding available through the rural health initiative.