MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE

- Directed by statute to: ensure the legal, civil, and special rights of people with mental illness
- Provide legal representation at involuntary commitment hearings (mandated by the US constitution)
MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE

- Monitor procedures & policies at in-patient treatment facilities & community based health centers

- Protect the treatment rights of criminally insane and inmates at the forensic hospital
MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE

☑ Statutory Authority in Section 40.1-5-13 through 40-1-5-25 of the Rhode Island General Laws
☑ Duties are outlined in Section 40.1-5.22
☑ Rights and powers are in Section 40.1-5-24
☑ Additional duties in Section 40.1-24.5-12
GOVERNOR’S RECOMMENDATION

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# Salaries and Benefits

*Full-Time Equivalent Positions*

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**FY 2014 Request**

- Enacted: 3.7
- Authorized: 3.7
- Governor: 3.7
- Average Filled: 3.0
- Filled as of February 23: 2.0

**Change to Enacted**

- Enacted: -
- Authorized: -
- Governor: -
- Average Filled: (0.7)
- Filled as of February 23: (1.7)
STAFFING – FY 2013

- Governor includes current level of 3.7 positions
  - Advocate position still vacant but budget assumes confirmation this month
  - Governor submitted nomination to the Senate on January 10, 2013
  - Confirmation hearing not scheduled
STAFFING – FY 2013

- Also includes Administrative Assistant
- Staff Attorneys - 1.7 positions
  - Funds 0.7 vacant position beginning January 2013
  - Still vacant
- Includes savings from statewide medical benefit adjustment & vacancies
STAFFING – FY 2014

- Office suggested 40 pay reduction days for savings of $62,863 to meet constrained budget target - Governor did not concur

- He fully funds the enacted level of 3.7 positions
  - Mental Health Advocate
  - Administrative Assistant
  - Staff Attorneys - 1.7 positions
PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

- Governor includes $1,500 in FY 2013 & FY 2014 at the enacted level
- Services performed on an as needed basis
- Range $800 to $2,000 for an evaluation
  - About $200 an hour
- Cost based on time required to complete
# PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES – HISTORICAL SPENDING

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Governor includes $12,000 in FY 2013 revised recommendation for outside legal services

- Assume mental health advocate position is filled
- Spent $21,000 to date
- Services not included in FY 2014

- $200 in FY 2013 & FY 2014 for transcription services