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MEMORANDUM

TO: House Committee on Appropriations

FROM: Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

DATE: December 17, 2025

RE: Follow-up to 12.16 Testimony: FY26 Budget Adjustment Request

Please find below the additional information requested by the Committee during the Department of Mental Health's FY26 Budget Adjustment Request testimony.

1. How many beds will be at the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for youth?

Answer: 12 beds.

2. By what percentage did the cost for transportation increase, from the original FY26 budget?

Answer: The request reflects a 69% increase in cost.

3. How many positions are currently filled/unfilled by permanent staff at DMH facilities?

Answer: As of October 7th, 2025, there were 151 filled positions and 68 unfilled positions at the DMH facilities.

