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Washington State Hospital Safety Redesign Initiative

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The following Redesign Initiative is prepared in accordance with the Surgeon General's Report of 1999, the President's New Freedom Report of 2003, Washington State's 2006-2011 DSHS Mental Health Division Strategic Plan, Engrossed Second Substitute House 1290 passed by the 2003 Washington State Legislature, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Second Substitute Senate Bill 6312 passed by the 2014 Legislature, and **Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6656 passed by the 2016 Legislature.**

Implementation will serve to reduce or eliminate assaults by patients, increase employment opportunities for peer support, and increase the well-being of patients and the overall safety of our statewide community. Other benefits are that we maintain a recovery model as we evolve in an environment of changing consumers and shifting funding.

The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington DC and the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration recognize peer support as an evidence-based practice. The states of New Jersey and Delaware have opened peer support centers at their state hospitals.

The state hospitals are a key component of the state mental health system. Preserving these assets, renovating them for current use, and refitting them for evolving need is a significant part of the program's capital administration. (DSHS Mental Health Division Strategic Plan 2006-2011, p 49)

Roosevelt Hall at Eastern State Hospital & the Auditorium at Western State Hospital await their renovation into peer support centers to meet the expansion of peer delivered services. These centers will provide access to internet support manned by peer support specialists and will provide space for consumer run, family run, and youth run organizations.

Our initiative is consistent with our Governor's 2016 Supplemental Operating Budget that funds statewide Peer Bridger Teams and the Ten Year Capital Plan Project List 2013-2023. Condition Assessments for Roosevelt Hall located at Eastern State Hospital and the Auditorium located at Western State Hospital describe in detail what needs to be done to complete renovations.

We must move now to implement these critical delivery services and building renovations.

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