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BREAKING NEWS ABOUT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW YORK

Bloomberg releases budget; mental health cut

In the first budget proposal of his administration, Mayor Mike Bloomberg is looking to cut more than \$14 million from the mental health budget. Ironically, many of these cuts were hidden in a budget line that cited it as related to the merger. Upon further exploration it was discovered that these cuts closely resemble those in Giuliani's November plan with the addition of some revenue maximization. Here is how it breaks down:

City Council adds since 1998	\$4.4m
• Alcoholism Prevention	\$1.75m
• Substance Abuse	\$0.25m
• Kids/Family/School mental health	\$1.30m
• Forensic/case management/immigrant M.H	\$1.00m
• Education and technical assistance	\$0.10m

Substance abuse program cuts	\$3.74m
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Elimination of some substance abuse contracts in the voluntary sector.

COPs revisited	\$3.226m
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City tax levy savings as a result of the State-wide conversion of deficit contracts to COPs.

Offset to HHC from TANF	\$3.00m
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Of an initial \$5m allocated to HHC for a substance abuse program an estimated \$3m will be replaced by TANF funds without cutting services.

The figures reported here are only preliminary. As additional information becomes available, the Coalition will keep you informed. Until then, if you have any questions, please call David Bergman at x102.▣