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TO: The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Luke Torian, Chair, House Appropriations Committee

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Pursuant to 320 S.2 of the 2020 *Appropriation Act*, the purpose of this letter is to report on the use of FY21 Developmental Disability (DD) waiver slots that have been assigned to individuals by the Community Services Boards and of those how many individuals are currently accessing services.

Specifically the language requires:

2. The department shall report within 30 days after the close of each quarter, the number of new slots for the fiscal year that have been allocated by Community Services and of those how many are accessing services. The report shall be provided on the department's website.

After each local Waiver Slot Assignment Committee (WSAC) meeting held in the late summer to early fall of 2020 individuals determined most in need of DD waiver slots were paired with (assigned) the appropriate slot in the electronic Waiver Management System (WaMS). For this third quarter report, it will be noted that all slots but one have been assigned. That slot's failure to be assigned was an oversight and will be rectified early in the fourth quarter.

Table 1 details the number of unique individuals assigned FY21 DD waivers "no restriction" slots (both Community Living and Family & Individual Supports waivers) as of the end of each quarter, by CSB, with the first column representing the total number of FY21 DD waiver slots each CSB had to assign. Once a CSB's total number of allocated slots have been assigned, that number will appear in each of the subsequent quarters to indicate that all allocated FY21 slots have been distributed to individuals from the waiting list.

Table 1: Total number of FY 21 DD waivers “no restriction” (both Community Living and Family & Individual Supports waivers) slots assigned by quarter and Community Services Board.

Community Services Board	# of FY21 Slots Allocated	# of Waivers Assigned		
		FY21 Q1	FY21 Q2	FY21 Q3
Alexandria Community Services Board	12	12	12	12
Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board	2	2	2	2
Arlington County Community Services Board	17	17	17	17
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare	24	1	24	24
Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Healthcare	18	18	18	18
Chesterfield Community Services Board	41	0	41	41
Colonial Behavioral Health (CBH)	14	14	14	14
Crossroads Community Services Board	9	6	7	8
Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board	8	8	8	8
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services Board	11	11	11	11
Dickenson County Behavioral Health Services	2	1	1	2
District 19 Community Services Board	14	14	14	14
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	4	1	1	4
Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board	113	0	113	113
Goochland-Powhatan Community Services	4	3	4	4
Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board	26	26	26	26
Hanover County Community Services Board	12	12	12	12
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Community Services Board	12	12	12	12
Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services Board	31	0	31	31
Highlands Community Services Board	6	0	6	6
Horizon Behavioral Health	19	8	13	19
Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services	38	37	38	38
Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board	13	13	13	13
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	10	10	10	10
New River Valley Community Services	18	18	18	18
Norfolk Community Services Board	22	22	22	22
Northwestern Community Services Board	21	1	21	21
Piedmont Community Services Board	12	12	12	12
Planning District One Behavioral Health Services	7	5	7	7
Portsmouth Department of Behavioral Healthcare Services	8	8	8	8
Prince William County Community Services Board	45	45	45	45
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	42	0	42	42
Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services Board	15	0	15	15
Region Ten Community Services Board	24	24	24	24
Richmond Behavioral Health Authority	19	0	19	19
Rockbridge Area Community Services	3	2	3	3
Southside Community Services Board	6	2	6	6
Valley Community Services Board	12	0	12	12
Virginia Beach Community Services Board	33	0	33	33
Western Tidewater Community Services Board	13	13	13	13
Total	760	378	748	759

Table 2 details the total number of DD waivers slots appropriated for FY21 by category and the number assigned as of the end of each quarter. Note that DBHDS assigns Facility slots as needed to enable individuals to move from institutional settings. DBHDS also assigns Reserve slots to enable individuals to move between waivers as their needs change or for emergency purposes. More individuals have actually been notified that they will be receiving FY21 Reserve slots than is indicated below. The assignment is not formally completed in WaMS until the individual has chosen a provider of the service for which he/she received the reserve slot.

Table 2. Total number of DD waivers slots appropriated for FY21 by category and the number assigned by quarter.

Slot Type - FY 2021	# of Slots Appropriated	# of FY21 Slots Assigned as of Quarter End		
		FY21Q1	FY21Q2	FY21Q3
CL - Facility	20	0	0	0
CL - Regular (No Restriction)	125	67	123	125
CL - Reserve	15	0	0	6
FIS - Facility	5	0	1	1
FIS - Regular (No Restriction)	635	311	625	634
FIS - Reserve	10	4	6	8
Total	810	382	755	774

Finally, Table 3 shows the number of unique individuals who received a FY21 DD waiver slot who are now authorized for at least one DD waiver service. Slightly more than 57 percent of the individuals assigned one of these slots have been authorized to begin at least one waiver service.

It should be noted that there is typically a significant time delay between slot assignment and service authorization due to the following required steps:

- Individual formal acceptance of the slot offered
- Confirmation/updating of functional and financial eligibility
- Confirmation of updated physical exam
- Individual/family selection of service providers
- Service providers intake process for the new individual
- Development of the Individual Support Plan
- Service Authorization process

In addition to the expected delays to initial authorization, COVID-19 has certainly caused significant delays due to a reduction in the number of providers of certain services and individuals'/families' reluctance to expose themselves/their loved ones to unfamiliar people. Moreover, DBHDS staff would typically act to reassign waiver slots not being utilized after 150 days from the date of slot assignment, but due to the pandemic the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have prohibited the termination of individuals' eligibility for Medicaid

services. This has resulted in a temporary halt to actions to repossess assigned slots in situations in which individuals or their families do not begin waiver services in a timely manner.

Table 3. Number of individuals who received a FY 21 DD waiver “no restriction” (both Community Living and Family & Individual Supports waivers) slot by quarter of their first authorized service and CSB.

	FY21 Q1	FY21 Q2	FY21 Q3
Community Services Board			
Alexandria Community Services Board	0	4	3
Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board	0	0	1
Arlington County Community Services Board	0	12	4
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare	0	5	7
Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Healthcare	0	8	1
Chesterfield Community Services Board	0	12	17
Colonial Behavioral Health (CBH)	1	10	1
Crossroads Community Services Board	1	3	1
Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board	0	4	2
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services Board	0	8	3
Dickenson County Behavioral Health Services	0	0	2
District 19 Community Services Board	0	2	2
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	0	0	0
Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board	0	1	30
Goochland-Powhatan Community Services	0	2	1
Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board	0	15	4
Hanover County Community Services Board	0	4	7
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Community Services Board	0	4	3
Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services Board	0	0	16
Highlands Community Services Board	0	2	3
Horizon Behavioral Health	0	8	2
Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and	0	11	10
Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board	0	4	7
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	0	5	4
New River Valley Community Services	0	5	7
Norfolk Community Services Board	0	9	2
Northwestern Community Services Board	1	5	8
Piedmont Community Services Board	0	2	7
Planning District One Behavioral Health Services	0	2	4
Portsmouth Department of Behavioral Healthcare Services	0	0	5
Prince William County Community Services Board	0	28	7
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	0	0	6
Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services Board	0	4	6
Region Ten Community Services Board	0	1	10

Richmond Behavioral Health Authority	0	2	9
Rockbridge Area Community Services	0	0	2
Southside Community Services Board	0	0	4
Valley Community Services Board	0	2	9
Virginia Beach Community Services Board	0	11	10
Western Tidewater Community Services Board	0	9	2
Total	3	204	229

In conclusion, while all FY21 DD waiver slots in the “no restriction” category have been allocated to the CSBs and individuals from the waiting list paired with all but one of those slots, the work of linking individuals to the appropriate waiver services is a continuing effort, made more challenging this past year and currently by the ongoing pandemic

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