

Telepsychiatry Video Communication System Equipment	FY2001 Request:	\$150,000
	Reference No:	30781

AP/AL: Appropriation Category: Public Protection Location: Statewide House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2002	Project Type: Equipment Contact: Dwayne Peeples Contact Phone: (907)465-3339
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project funds development of a video communication system for conducting mental health diagnostic and treatment services in correctional institutions, and provides for service integration with Community Mental Health Centers.

Funding:	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	Total
MHTAAR	\$150,000						\$150,000
Total:	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

As approved by the Mental Health Trust, this project will provide for the procurement of telecommunication equipment for ten (10) correctional facilities and at least ten (10) community mental health centers, to link Department of Corrections and Department and Health and Social Services psychiatrists together with enhanced telepsychiatric equipment and training.

The project would expand capacity, extend continuity of care, and foster coordination between the two systems. The community side of the project would provide valuable infrastructure to enhance rural emergency capabilities. Telepsychiatry will facilitate the transition from correctional or other institutional environments to rural communities. Regular use of consulting telepsychiatry by DOC and DMHDD will contribute to the recovery of rural patients who would otherwise have to wait for the scheduled rounds of contract psychiatrists.

This is a one time appropriation that will not require additional operating funds as a result of the project.