Texas Budget Outlook: How Bad Can Things Really Be??

Eric Weomer, Public Policy Consultant, Federation of Texas Psychiatry

Writing a two-year budget is one of the main tasks of the Texas Legislature. In 2013, the 83rd Legislature will consider a budget for the fiscal biennium of 2014-15. What does the future hold for Texas budget writers when lawmakers reconvene next January?

In 2011, Texas, like most other states, faced a considerable budget shortfall. The decline in state revenues and the costs of maintaining the current service levels yielded a budget gap of $27 billion. To cover this shortfall, the initial proposed budget trimmed virtually every area of government, and mental health spending was no exception. Community MH spending faced a 20% cut ($116 million); Children’s MH care was cut by 19% ($25 million); MH Crisis Intervention services were trimmed 6% ($9 million), and Medicaid reimbursement rates for physicians were slashed by 10%.

Thankfully, our message about the importance of MH funding resonated with lawmakers, and the Legislature reinstated most of those cuts in the final budget. Medicaid reimbursement rate cuts were last year restored (from 19% across the board, to 1% for physicians, 3% for hospitals). The final bill returned to 2011 levels for MH hospitals, community-based MH services for adults & children and MH crisis intervention services. Lawmakers even found $5 million for state psychiatric salaries and funneled $10 million into competency restoration efforts at Harris County jail.

Other units of government were not so fortunate. Public education was cut more than $3 billion and higher education was trimmed by more than a billion. Moreover, there were a series of budgetary sleights-of-hand to free up revenue—for instance, $2 billion in public school aid was deferred to the next budget cycle, certain other payments were deferred, some taxes were collected early, and nearly $5 billion was pulled from the “Rainy Day Fund.” These are truly “one-time” maneuvers because they cannot be used again without first restoring the funding in the current cycle and “resetting” the clock.

In the end, the budget picture was a bloody mess. There was very little General Revenue (GR) left on the table. Medicaid was underfunded by nearly $5 billion relative to expected costs. Public schools were underfunded, and due to the underperforming Franchise Tax, there was a “structural budget deficit” going forward in the billions of dollars.

Since then, most observers have felt that the state’s fiscal outlook was not going to substantially improve, and that we would be faced with more poor choices, but with fewer “smoke and mirrors” at our disposal. Budget watchers were predicting that the “structural hole” in the budget would result in a $9 billion GR shortfall, and that Medicaid caseload growth in our fast-growing yet poor state would range between $3 to $5 billion in the next biennium. Public school population growth may cost $2 billion, and the price tag to maintain current services in our correctional facilities, retirement systems, etc., might add another $1-$2 billion to the tab.

In summary, conventional wisdom suggested that Texas had run out of luck. Even after all the cuts of 2012-13, the state was still facing a $5 billion hole in the current budget, and needing an additional $18 billion to meet current services levels in the next budget. Texas, it was thought, was now in the same dire financial straits as California, Ohio, and Illinois.

However, sometimes things are not as bad as they seem. Or, what a difference a year makes!

According to Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Susan Combs, the state’s fiscal outlook is improving. Sales tax revenue is considerably up, as are auto sales taxes, franchise taxes and oil & natural gas severance taxes. A year ago, the CPA projected that the state’s GR balance at the end of 2012 would be deeply in the red. However, her more recent projections anticipate an improvement of nearly $5 billion in the current biennium.

The revenue picture across the board is looking up. The recent growth in the general state tax picture, as well as with the franchise tax specifically, could mean that the “structural hole” in the budget is considerably smaller than the previously predicted $9 billion—more like zero to $1 billion.

Severance taxes are leading the charge. Projections for 2012 suggested a 10% increase in natural gas tax revenues, but a ten percent decline in oil severance taxes. However, the booming Eagle Ford and Barnett Shale plays have led to a huge boost in revenue—oil tax revenue is actually up 43%, natural gas 45%. Much of these revenues are deposited in the state’s Rainy Day Fund, which may grow to more than $10 billion at year’s end.

Sales taxes are also pulling their weight. The 2012 sales tax growth projection was 5% (compared to the same month in the previous fiscal year). However, the state has exceeded those predictions by a wide margin—most months have seen double-digit growth.

All told, the state is enjoying GR growth at near-historic levels. If trends continue, we could see $12-$16 billion of surplus revenue, meaning the state could fully fund Medicaid for the current budget, undo some of the one-time budget-balancing tools used back in 2011, and have still sufficient funds to pay for the “normal” growth in the state budget.

All is well, right? In the words of the famous college football prognosticator Lee Corso, “Not so fast, my friend!”

Certain atypical budget pressures could pose significant hurdles for the 83rd Legislature. For one, full implementation of the Affordable Care Act is projected to take place in the next budget cycle, bringing with it increased Medicaid provider rates, increased enrollment, and a possible expansion of the program.

Additionally, another round of school finance litigation is winding its way through the courts. If the state is ordered to increase its contribution to the school financing structure, it could result in billions in additional costs to the next cycle’s budget.

Meanwhile, major budget players from both parties have called for an end to the longstanding practice of diverting “dedicated” streams of revenue. Currently, fees ranging from state parks entrance fees to “911” charges to System Benefit Fund charges on electricity bills are collected, but sit unspent in state accounts, used instead to certify that the state has sufficient revenue available to meet expenditures. Using these fees for their stated purpose would leave a budgetary void that would need to be filled by billions in GR dollars.

Lastly, in 2011, billions were cut from public and higher education, health & human services, criminal justice, etc.—leading to layoffs, teacher layoffs, larger class sizes, and other unpopular outcomes. It is likely the Legislature will consider restoring many of these cuts, creating further pressure on GR resources.

It is too early to draw conclusions about available revenue or make predictions about the budget outlook. Moreover, with at least five freshmen Senators and more than half of the House of Representatives in their first or second term (many with a “Tea Party” perspective on fiscal austerity), it is unlikely that we will see a significant expansion of state spending. However, if current trends continue, the budget picture looks manageable. And relative to the tough choices faced in 2011, “manageable” may be a victory in and of itself.
Action versus Inaction

Debra Atkisson, MD, President, Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians

This column is written in memory of Dr. Andrew Hopkins and Dr. Valerie Robinson.

M ental health affects everyone either positively or negatively. Just think about how we function every day - stable mental health is vital for daily functioning. Now think about those patients we have treated who were not mentally healthy and how not only their lives but the lives of their family, community, and workplace were impacted. Unfortunately many people do not realize the value of their mental health until the balance shifts and mental illness has occurred for them or someone close to them.

As psychiatrists we work every day with people who are struggling with mental illness. We are active in learning everything we can about our patients, their history, their familial genetic makeup, their previous level of functioning, and what changed for them to destabilize their functioning. Our mission is to help our patients become healthier and to improve or restore their level of functioning. I encourage you to step for a moment and bring someone to mind who you have assisted in getting better. Remember the gratitude of that patient and your own feeling of gratitude for that patient’s recovery. You were an ACTIVE participant in helping that patient.

Each person we work with is valuable and his recovery is important. That principle is an anchor for working with patients. That being said, I would like for us to take a step back and widen the lens through which we view mental health and think about communities. Many of us participate actively in our communities in some way to improve the mental health of our communities. We share our expertise on committees such as school agencies, crime victims councils, homeless shelters, and other groups who are trying to improve the functioning of people in their area. These local organizations provide valuable assistance to many people and help stabilize many lives. Our assistance to these organizations is another way we help mental health by helping the community as a whole.

An important way in which we can be active for the benefit of our patients and for the benefit of our communities is participation in organized psychiatry. Adding our collective experiences, information, and skills makes us a stronger force to improve mental health which benefits everyone. We will be meeting in November for our annual meeting in Galveston. Our committee meetings will be vital in preparing for the upcoming Texas legislative session which will convene in 2013. We all can remember the work that our organization does during this time to help these patients who can not speak for themselves. We are their voice.

Two psychiatrists who left our midst this September after valiantly fighting cancer are Dr. Andrew Hopkins of Dallas and Dr. Valerie Robinson of Lubbock, formerly of Fort Worth. Words cannot give justice to the staggering loss of these two fine psychiatrists to their communities, their patients, their families and friends, and organized psychiatry.

Dr. Andrew Hopkins was a keen observer of patients and empathetic to their struggles. He quietly cared for numerous patients at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas and helped many people during their darkest times. His coworkers and staff members have commented on his caring work. Dr. Hopkins exhibited some of the best qualities in a psychiatrist: intellectual understanding, empathic caring, and a steadfast presence which provided comfort to patients and coworkers alike. Dr. Hopkins also aided organized psychiatry by adding his voice to the membership of TSPP. He was an active participant in his mental health community and is missed.

Dr. Valerie Robinson exemplified the definition of an active participant in her mental health communities. She helped many patients and families in her years of practicing general and child and adolescent psychiatry. She taught medical students at Texas Tech University School of Medicine and mentored psychiatric residents. Her boundless enthusiasm and can-do spirit gave many children and their parents hope during hopeless moments. Her leadership in TSCAP as President and her selfless donation of her time to TSPP committees benefited organized psychiatry’s efforts to improve psychiatric practice in Texas.

I will miss these two outstanding psychiatrists as will many others in our organization. Both of these doctors believed in the importance of their work and the value of their patients’ mental health. And they believed in adding their experience, wisdom, and voice to organized psychiatry to better the treatment of their patients. This November please join us by adding your voice and efforts to organized psychiatry. I hope to see you in Galveston.
NOW is the time for you to participate in the Texas Foundation for Psychiatric Education and Research's twenty-first Annual Campaign conducted each Fall to encourage charitable contributions to support the Foundation's goals: fighting stigma and discrimination; ensuring that patients have access to quality psychiatric treatment; and improving treatment through innovative research.

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Meeting Location

All members and non-members are invited to join us! TSPP’s 56th Annual Convention and Scientific Program will be held at the Moody Gardens Resort and Spa, Seven Home Blvd., Galveston, TX, 1-800-582-4673. Surrounded by 242 acres of breathtaking gardens and majestic pyramids, Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa and Convention Center is Galveston Island’s premier meeting destination. Moody Gardens features:

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- AND, special activities for you during Convention time! Festival of Lights – One of the Gulf Coast’s largest holiday lighting events at Moody Gardens!

Special 'FREE' Incentive Offer for TSPP Members in Training. Once again, TSPP is pleased to offer the waiver/refund of the CME Scientific Program registration fee IF the member’s Training Director registers for the Scientific Program. So all Members-in-Training encourage your Training Director to register and then send in your registration form, with the name of your Training Director noted, and then plan on attending the Scientific Program FREE! (Offer extended to TSPP and TSCAP Members-in-Training Residents and Fellows who are members of TSPP and/or TSCAP.

In order to familiarize Texas psychiatrists with the research efforts and achievements of their colleagues, the TSPP Continuing Medical Education Committee is soliciting scientific posters. The posters need not be especially made for this meeting. Posters presented at the APA or at other scientific meetings within the last year would be appropriate. TSPP’s goal is to inform the general membership about new advances made in the state. The deadline for poster applications is October 20, 2012. Please contact tsppof@aol.com for a copy of the Poster Application Form.

Special Registration Fees for TSPP & TSCAP MITS

A special TSPP discounted room rate of $142 is available to program registrants on a space availability basis. Make your hotel reservation today by calling 1-888-388-8484.

Special Events

Thursday Golf Outing — Polish up on your golf game in an exciting location! For those convention attendees, guests and golf enthusiasts arriving early, TSPP members are arranging a tee time for a group play. If you are interested in playing, please be sure to check the Golf Section box on the TSPP Registration Form.

Titus Harris Society – All members of the Titus Harris Society are invited to a special reception to be held in conjunction with the TSPP Welcome Reception, Friday, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Moody Gardens Hotel. In addition TSPP extends a special invitation to the Titus Harris Society members to extend their weekend stay and attend the CME Program and other social activities. Titus Harris Society members will be identified by special ribbons on their convention name badges.

Saturday evening’s festivities begin with a complimentary wine and cheese reception for registrants attending the Awards Banquet honoring the 2012 TSPP Award Recipients for their outstanding contribution to Psychiatry. Register early to reserve a table for your friends at this memorable evening! This year’s honorees include:

DAVID PHARIS AWARD

Dr. Spencer Bayles Outstanding TSPP Member Award

This award named in memory of Dr. Spencer Bayles was established in 2011 to recognize members for outstanding and consistent participation in TSPP activities. The award will be presented during TSPP’s Annual Business Luncheon on Saturday, November 10 so please plan to attend and thank your colleague for his outstanding volunteer service. This year’s Award Recipient is Milton Abschlander, MD, Houston.

Milton Abschlander, MD

Recipient is

Houston

Psychiatric Excellence Award

The David Pharis Award will be presented by the Department of State Health Services and TSPP to recognize significant contributions to safety and quality patient care and outcomes in State Hospitals. This year’s award will be presented during TSPP’s Annual Business Luncheon on Saturday, November 10. Please attend and express your appreciation to the organization selected for this degree of excellence.

Committee/Governance Schedule

All Meetings Will Be Held at the Moody Gardens Hotel

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## DAILY SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8
- 12:00 Noon: Golf Outing at Moody Gardens Golf Course
- 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Registration Open
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Titus Harris Society Executive Meeting
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm: Federation Delegate Assembly Meeting
- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: TSPP Chapter Leadership Meeting

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9
- 7:30 am - 8:30 pm: Registration Open
- 7:30 am - 9:00 am: Foundation Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm: Committee Meetings
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Exhibit AND Poster Session Set-Up
- 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm: Membership Luncheon / Program
- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Texas Academy of Psychiatry Board of Trustees
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm: MIT / ECP Program
- 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM: Executive Council Meeting
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Titus Harris Society Reception
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Welcome Reception with Exhibitors AND Poster Session

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10
- 7:45 am - 8:15 am: Complimentary Continental Breakfast for Meeting Registrants
- 7:30 am - 8:30 pm: Registration Open
- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm: Exhibits Open AND Poster Session
- 8:00 am - 6:00 pm: Scientific Program
- 10:30 am - 11:00 am: Refreshment Break with Exhibitors AND Poster Session Door Prize Drawings
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm: Annual Business Meeting Lunch
- 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm: Refreshment Break with Exhibitors AND Poster Session Door Prize Drawings
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: TSCAP Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm: Reception for Awards Banquet Attendees
- 7:00 pm: Awards Banquet

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
- 8:00 am - 1:25 pm: Scientific Program
- 10:30 am - 11:00 am: Refreshment Break

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012
7 HOURS CATEGORY 1 CREDIT
8:00 - 8:30 Welcome and Introductions
8:30 - 10:30 Substance Use Disorders – Current Concepts in Research and Treatment
Edgar Nace, MD, DLPAPA
Office-Based Treatment Approaches for Substance Abuse
Thomas R. Kostan, MD, DLPAPA
Cutting-Edge Research in Substance Abuse: Pharmacogenetics for Alcohol & Cocaine and Vaccines for Addictions
Bryan H. Adinoff, MD
Neuroimaging Techniques
10:30 - 11:00 Refreshment Break with Exhibitors and Poster Session
11:00 - 1:15 Evidence Based Treatment of PTSD in Combat Veterans
Matthew Jeffreys, MD
Alan L. Peterson, PhD, ABPP
Kevin S. Beasley, LCSSW
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Lunch / Business Meeting
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Update in Internal Medicine for Psychiatrists: The Current Medical Literature
Monique V. Yohanan, MD, MPH
4:00 pm - 4:20 pm Refreshment Break with Exhibitors and Poster Session
4:20 pm - 5:50 pm Healthcare Legislation and Public Mental Health Funding: What Does the Future Hold for Psychiatry?
Emile A. Becker, MD, DLPAPA
Daryl K. Knox, MD, DLPAPA
Cynthia L. McDonnell, MD, DLPAPA
Richard L. Noel, MD, DLPAPA
5:50 pm - 6:00 pm Closing Remarks
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012
4 HOURS CATEGORY 1 CREDIT
8:30 am - 9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
9:00 am - 11:00 am Social Media: Effects on Patients, Physicians and the Practice of Medicine
Keith Whitworth, MAMFC, MARE, PhD
11:00 am - 11:15 am Refreshment Break
11:15 am - 1:15 pm Competence for What? Ethical Assessment of Decision-Making Capacity
William H. Reid, MD, MFLP, DLPAPA, FACR, FRCR
11:15 - 1:25 pm Closing Remarks

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM GOAL/TARGET AUDIENCE/LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This live activity has been designed in a format consisting of case study presentations, lectures and direct discussion to provide targeted audience of Psychiatry, as well as other specialties of medicine, with the most up-to-date, evidence-based data that can be translated into clinical practice.

Information and data will address, new developments in treatment and new directions in research to address the professional practice gaps of the learners and advance the physician’s competence and effective use of targeted skills so that they may develop strategies to apply the knowledge, skills and judgment of the information presented in the educational activity into their practice.

The learning objectives for this activity have been designed to address clinician competence. Upon conclusion of this presentation participants should be able to achieve the following objectives and have increased competence in:

• the assessment and treatment of substance use disorders in adults and adolescents.
• the assessment and treatment of PTSD in combat veterans.
• the assessment and treatment of patients with comorbid general medical and psychiatric disorders.
• the use of social media to understand and communicate with patients and colleagues in professional and ethical ways.
• the assessment and understanding of patients’ roles and capacities in making decisions, including the components of various consent processes and patients’ accurately conveying information about their symptoms and risk (such as suicide risk).
• understanding the effects of legislative and regulatory changes on the practice of Psychiatry and patient care.

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On November 9-11, the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians will host their 2012 Annual Convention and Scientific Program titled “Embracing the Future in Psychiatric Practice.” The event will take place at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, Texas. Participants can reserve their hotel rooms by calling 1-888-388-8484. The cost is $142.00 per night for TSPP group rates.

In April 2013, the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians will hold their Spring Meeting and Scientific Program at the Westin Austin at the Domain Hotel. For hotel reservations, call 1-800-937-8461, and for further information, contact Debbie Sundberg at 512-478-0605 or email tsppofc@aol.com.

The Texas Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry will host their Annual Meeting and Scientific Program from July 26 to 28 at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston, Texas. For additional information, contact Debbie Sundberg at 512-478-0605 or email tscapofc@aol.com.

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