

**PCPA**



Pennsylvania  
Community  
Providers  
Association

*PCPA promotes a community-based, responsive and viable system of agencies providing quality services for individuals receiving mental health, mental retardation, addictive disease and other related human services.*

June 2, 2003

The Honorable Robert J. Thompson  
Appropriations Committee Chairman  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
Room 281 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

The Honorable Vincent J. Fumo  
Democratic Appropriations Committee Chairman  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
Room 545 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senators Thompson and Fumo:

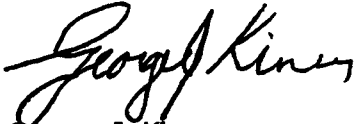
On behalf of the Pennsylvania Community Providers Association (PCPA), I am presenting you with the results of PCPA's survey on the budget cuts, conducted in April and May of 2003.

We consider the Association in a unique position to discuss the potential budget implications on human services, especially as they relate to drug and alcohol (D&A) and mental health (MH) funding. As you know, PCPA represents nearly 200 community-based agencies that provide drug and alcohol, mental health, mental retardation, and children's human services. PCPA's mission is to promote a community-based, responsive and viable system of agencies providing quality services for individuals receiving such services. Our member agencies cover all 67 counties in the Commonwealth and serve an estimated 1 million Pennsylvanians each year.

Enclosed please find PCPA's two-page report on highlights of the survey findings. The findings concentrate on eliminations and reductions in services, reductions in staff and staff salaries (which are already low), and program budget cuts.

We have appreciated meeting with both of you and your staff during this budget season. I sincerely hope that this information will be useful to you in state budget discussions during the month of June. As a courtesy, I am also copying other members of legislative leadership. Please feel free to contact me or Melissa DiSanto Simmons, our Director of Legislative Affairs, at (717) 657-7078 with any questions you may have.

Respectfully yours,



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Executive Director

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