

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2646
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Strike sections 401 and 402 and insert the following
(and make such conforming amendments as are necessary):

1 SEC. 401. IMPROVING COMMUNICATION WITH INDIVID-
2 UALS, FAMILIES, AND PROVIDERS.

3 (a) GRANTS.—

4 (1) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services, acting through the Administrator
6 of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
7 Administration, shall award grants to eligible enti-
8 ties for the implementation of pilot programs de-
9 signed to enhance care and promote recovery by sup-
10 porting communication between individuals in treat-
11 ment, their families, providers, and other individuals
12 involved in their care.

13 (2) RECIPIENTS.—To be eligible to receive a
14 grant under this section, an entity shall be a State,
15 county, city, tribe, tribal organization, institutions of
16 higher education, public organization, or private
17 nonprofit organizations.

1 (3) NATURE OF ACTIVITIES.—The grants
2 awarded under paragraph (1) shall be used to imple-
3 ment evidence-based or innovative programs, such as
4 Adapted or Open Dialogue, that enhance care and
5 promote recovery by supporting communities be-
6 tween individuals and those involved in their treat-
7 ment, care, and support.

8 (b) ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary shall—

9 (1) evaluate the activities supported by grants
10 awarded under subsection (a) in order to further the
11 Nation’s understanding of effective communication
12 strategies between individuals with mental illness
13 and their families and health care providers;

14 (2) disseminate the findings from the evaluation
15 as the Secretary considers appropriate;

16 (3) make recommendations for scaling up suc-
17 cessful models across the country, including in pub-
18 licly funded programs; and

19 (4) other activities as the Secretary determines
20 appropriate.

21 (c) DURATION.—A grant under this section shall be
22 for a period of not more than 5 years.

23 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
2 appropriated to carry out this section \$2,000,000 for
3 each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.

4 (2) USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—Of the funds ap-
5 propriated to carry out this section in any fiscal
6 year, no more than 5 percent shall be available to
7 the Secretary for the purposes of carrying out sub-
8 section (b).

Page 109, line 15, insert after the period the fol-
lowing: “There is authorized to be appropriated to carry
out this section \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2016 and
\$25,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2017 through
2022.”.

