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I know that there is some concern among many people up in Norfolk about that same problem and what I am saying is that are we as a budget committee, or we as a legislature looking into that program and making that decision or simply being a shifting of responsibility up there without legislative consent.

SENATOR MARVEL: I have been one that has battled in the committee for an instance to see...what the department wants is complete control of the funds they want a lump sum appropriation. Now as far as I am concerned we are giving away the store when we do that, and I don't care what department it is, we are giving the store away regardless of who we are doing it for. But especially in this area, they want complete atonomy over mental health funds so that they can shift them as they see fit. By the same token they really have no long range plan Senator Lewis as to how they propose

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