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This session, two legislators resigned mid-term and replacements were appointed. Senator Liz Lovelett (D) and Alex Ybarra (R) - in the recent Primary, both candidates won. Melanie and I threw two successful fundraisers for them and talked to them about WMHCA's issues and our disappointment with how [HB 1768](#) turned out. Both showed interest on a plan to correct this bill moving forward.

Things with the Behavioral Coalition have been slow, but I have been checking in every few weeks to see if there is any news... as of yet there is none. We will continue to attend the L&I Mental Health work sessions as well as any other important workgroups that are meeting in the future.

The next decision we need to make is if we would like to request a work session during committee days in September and November.

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