

## Lobbyist Report



Month July

### Meetings/Workgroups

Rep. Nicole Macri  
Sen. Manka Dhingra  
Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon

### Meeting Notes

#### Rep. Nicole Macri

There needs to be more awareness about 988  
An appointment is needed with Lauri Lippold to talk about Children's Mental Health Subgroup  
Should there be a specific license for telehealth?  
Telehealth should not be restricted to specific cities - there needs to be more access to care  
Reciprocity issues need to be a priority  
Therapists are having the same trauma as the rest of people that they are trying to help - what would be a way to offer help for them?

#### Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon

He is mostly focused on environmental issues but appreciated being updated on MH issues

#### Sen. Manka Dhingra

Working in partnership with first responders would be a great idea  
Access to care is critical at this time  
988 needs to be better "advertised" - most people don't know about it

### Legislative Summary for Mental Health Specifically

Due to COVID, there is a higher demand for Mental Health and access to care is a major problem. There will not be a special session but parity is going to continue to be extended every 30 days. We heard from every member, Democrats and Republicans, that there is no possibility that the Governor's Proclamation will not be extended.

### Meeting Requested

No legislator meeting are scheduled at this time as I need to prioritize the results of the election. I will be setting up meetings with the lobbyist for the police and sheriffs, the association of WA Cities and Counties, the WA state patrol, and the lobbyist for the children's mental health coalition.

### General Legislative News

Here is a [link](#) to learn about election results.

### What's on the Horizon?

Basically we need to focus on access and ways to change the need for specific licenses in cities. Once we get more information from the Cities and Counties lobbyist, we will be able to figure out how to move forward.

### Other things I've been tracking or paying attention too

The majority of coalition meetings and workgroups have been cancelled. One thing to pay attention to is the O2G meetings. This is where licensure fees can be increased or decreased but with the state of the economy, an increase could likely to happen. Police reform will also be a topic to monitor.

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