

## Lobbyist Report

Month June 2021



### Meetings/Work groups attended

June 2 - Workforce and Rates Subgroup Meeting

June 4 - DOH Meeting

June 8 - Rep. Emily Wicks

June 10 - Rep. Amy Walen

June 11 - WHMCA Board Meeting

June 16 - Workforce and Rates Subgroup Meeting

### Legislative Summary for Mental Health Specifically (To Send to Members)

The workforce and rates meetings have shown a little insight on the goals for the BH coalition. They are currently tallying the results of a survey to determine the groups priorities moving forward in to 2022. Wages increases, fully funded BHCs in schools, and paid internships and more are on the table and I will keep you posted on the outcome of this survey.

Joel's Law was enacted early in June that would give peace officers clarification and guidelines when dealing with the mentally ill. The goal is to enable officers the authority to pick up those who have been determined a risk to themselves or others. You can read more [here](#):

The interim will continue to consist of workforce and workgroup meetings to discuss ideas and goals for 2021. We anticipate a more solid agenda to surface within the next few weeks.

### Meetings Requested

N/A at this time - we are working with the board and the legislative team to discuss scheduling and priorities for legislator meetings. The first round will be primarily meet and greets where I will help coordinate meetings with members' district representatives and we will move on to specific legislation meetings later this summer.

### General Legislative News

With the state reopening June 30th, there is a lot of excitement statewide revolving around getting the economy back on track. There is also a continuing need for solutions to the homelessness crisis and now, due to the late June heatwave, energy and energy sources climbed back to the top of the list. There has been little to no election talk or news of any legislator retirements thus far. We are still in the "recovery" phase, so to speak, but things will start to ramp up in July and August.

What's on the Horizon?

WHMCA needs to settle on our goals for 2022. I would like to have one or two high priority items to focus on and I would also like to discuss running a bill if we can figure out what would be feasible for next year.

Other things I've been tracking or paying attention to

I have just been keeping my ear to the ground, looking for any additional groups and discussions we can participate in this year so we can be in a solid position moving into the 2022 session.

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