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The Public Safety Committee will hold a hearing on February 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Testimony can be provided via Zoom and in writing. Please see the Public Safety hearing notice in the legislative bulletin for instructions regarding the submission of testimony. Bills to be heard that may be of interest to the behavioral health community include the following:

Proposed [HB-5723](#) AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCESS TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS SUCH AS NARCAN.

Proposed [SB-781](#) AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING REQUIRED BY THE STATE POLICE ACADEMY AND POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL.

[HB-5078](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF TECHNOLOGY THAT POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL MAY USE WHEN RESPONDING TO OPIOID OVERDOSES.

[HB-5162](#) AN ACT CREATING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES REGARDING CARE OF PEOPLE ADDICTED TO OPIOIDS.

[HB-5586](#) AN ACT REQUIRING EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

[SB-385](#) AN ACT REQUIRING ALL STATE AGENCIES TO INCLUDE CERTAIN QUESTIONS RELATING TO VETERAN STATUS ON STATE FORMS.

[SB-572](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS AND REENTRY CENTERS.

Below are few bills recently published which may be of interest (the first bill listed is a bill raised on behalf of DMHAS):

[Raised HB-6398](#) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

Proposed [HB-5599](#) AN ACT REMOVING OBSTACLES TO RENTAL RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Proposed [HB-5601](#) AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY NONPROFIT PROVIDERS.

Proposed [HB-5649](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM.

Proposed [HB-5654](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE UPDATING OF STATE FORMS, APPLICATIONS AND METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION TO INCLUDE A NONBINARY GENDER OPTION.

Proposed [HB-5663](#) AN ACT WAIVING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA LICENSING FEES FOR CERTAIN PERSONS.

Proposed [HB-5664](#) AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENTS TO GROW A LIMITED NUMBER OF MARIJUANA PLANTS.

Proposed [HB-5677](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID VIOLENCE PREVENTATIVE SERVICES.

Proposed [HB-5699](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM.

Proposed [HB-5716](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF ART THERAPISTS.

Proposed [HB-5717](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DISABILITY COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL LICENSURE.

Raised [HB-6398](#) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

Proposed [SB-706](#) AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION ORGANIZATIONS.

Proposed [SB-754](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO PROVIDE STATE SERVICES.

Proposed [SB-779](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, ONLINE GAMING, ONLINE LOTTERY TICKET SALES AND ONLINE KENO IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

Proposed [SB-780](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY PHYSICIANS AND FIREARM POSSESSION AND SALES.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or mary.mason@ct.gov. While email is the best way to reach me, you can also text or call my cell phone at (860) 985-2120 since I am away from my desk phone.