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Below are miscellaneous bills that may be of interest to the behavioral health community:

<u>HB-6082</u> AN ACT CONCERNING INTERPRETING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES.

HB-6084 AN ACT CONCERNING INTERPRETERS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF, DEAF-BLIND AND HARD OF HEARING.

<u>HB-6094</u> AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEER SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTIFIED PEER COUNSELORS.

<u>HB-6136</u> AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIVATIZATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

<u>HB-6333</u> AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVILEGED CONVERSATION BETWEEN FIRST RESPONDERS AND A PEER SUPPORT TEAM.

<u>HB-6363</u> AN ACT REQUIRING DROP BOXES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AT STATE POLICE BARRACKS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

<u>HB-6456</u> AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR GRANTS-IN-AID TO NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

<u>HB-6681</u> AN ACT CONCERNING A TELEMEDICINE PILOT PROGRAM IN AN UNDER SERVED, RURAL DISTRICT.

<u>HB-6682</u> AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT PARITY FOR STATE-FUNDED BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

You can find information on the bills above by clicking on the bill hyperlink provided or by visiting <u>cga.ct.gov</u>. 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 <u>mary.mason@ct.gov</u>. During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120, since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.