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DMHAS Legislative Newsletter

Greetings to DMHAS Staff and Partners!

An Overview of Agency Proposals

At the start of each legislative session, each state agency brings forth a list of agency proposals to their committee of cognizance. These proposals can vary from updating outdated statutes to implementing new guidelines on an existing program to initiating new programs. It is then up to Committee Leadership if they want to move forward and draft these proposals.

To view all the 2025 proposals from state agencies, click [here](#).

DMHAS Agency Proposals

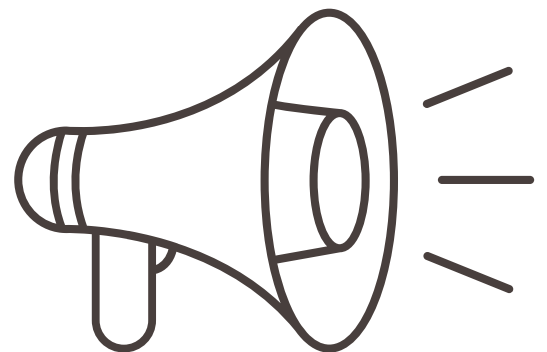
This year, DMHAS submitted four concepts to the Public Health Committee Leadership for their consideration. They were supportive of moving forward to draft and the language is now included in [HB 6834](#): *An Act Concerning The Department Of Mental Health And Addiction Services' Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To Mental Health And Addiction Services Statutes*.

Check out our agency proposal fact sheet [here](#)!

The Public Health Committee will be holding a [public hearing](#) on **Monday, February 3rd at 11:30AM** in Room 1D of the Legislative Office Building and via Zoom.

Our agency bill is on the agenda!

The Public Hearing can be viewed live on [Public Health Committee YouTube page](#).

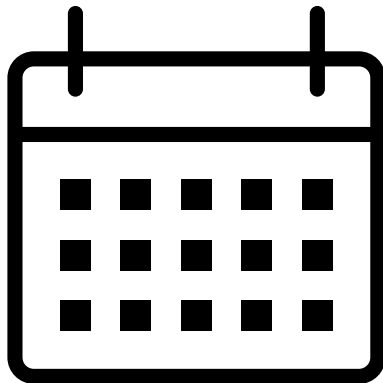


What's Next and Legislative Resources

In general, committees will start ramping up the scheduling of public hearings that let the public, agencies, and other stakeholders formally weigh in on bills.

- To subscribe to committee updates and stay in the loop on committee and public hearing agendas, go [here](#) to create a personalized mailing list.
- You can also track specific bills through the [CGA bill tracking system](#) and sign up for text or email notifications on bill action.

Our team reviews, tracks, and reads all bills daily for impact on DMHAS operations or the populations we serve on behalf of the agency.



Mark Your Calendars!

Governor Lamont's will be submitting his budget recommendations along with his Governor's bills on **Wednesday, February 5th**. Stay tuned for a future update on the budget package!

Stay Strong, Stay Informed – Until Next Time!

In partnership, Chandra & Kelly

Did You Know?

Judicial nominations must be approved by the legislature!

This week, the General Assembly confirmed 15 judges for appointment, including Raheem Mullin to be Chief Justice of the CT Supreme Court.