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# DMHAS Legislative Newsletter

## Greetings to DMHAS Staff and Partners!

*Happy Spring! Please see below what has taken place at the CT General Assembly this week:*

### **Public Health Committee March 17th Public Hearing**

The Public Health Committee held a public hearing this week and Commissioner Navarretta testified on four bills. During the public hearing, legislators asked questions and were able to learn more about the various maternal health initiatives DMHAS partakes in. To read the testimony on the bills the Commissioner testified on, please see below:

**SB 1507**

**SB 1509**

**HB 7214**

**HB 7215**

To watch the full public hearing, click [here](#).

## **Bonding Subcommittee Agency Presentation**



The General Obligation Bonding Subcommittee held a hearing on the Governor's proposed capital budget. Commissioner Navarretta went in front of the Subcommittee to answer questions legislators may have pertaining to the bonding requests related to DMHAS.

To learn more about what is in DMHAS' capital budget, [read Commissioner Navarretta's testimony on SB 1247](#), the Governor's Bond Bill.

## **What Else Took Place at the LOB?**

Some committees are holding their last public hearings of the session, while other committees have met their Joint Favorable Deadline where they can no longer vote any bills out of committee. This week, some of the committees that have approached their JF deadline are: Human Services Committee, Commerce Committee, Government Oversight Committee, and more!

### **Did You Know?**

Once a bill gets voted out of committee, the Committee Clerk must provide a report known as the Joint Favorable Report. This report summarizes public hearing testimony and lists organizations that support and oppose the bill. Legislators tend to use JF Report as a way to get a general overview on how the public weighed in on certain bills. Members of the public can also view the report on the CGA website as well!

To see the JF Report on DMHAS's agency bill, HB 6834, click [here](#).

***Go Huskies!***

**In partnership, Chandra & Kelly**