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DMHAS Legislative Newsletter

Greetings to DMHAS Staff and Partners!

Please see what has taken place at the CT General Assembly this week:

Public Health Committee Updates

This week, the Public Health Committee is having a busy week filled with public hearings and committee meetings.

Today, a [committee meeting](#) was held where the committee continued to vote bills out. This is otherwise known as a *Joint Favorable Report*. Each committee has a Joint Favorable or “JF” Deadline where committees must vote bills out of committee before this timeframe. If a bill is not voted out by then, then the bill will not move forward in the legislative process.



The Public Health Committee will be holding their final two public hearings later this week:

- [March 11th Agenda](#)
- [March 13th Agenda](#)

Friday’s public hearing will feature our agency bills that we discussed in [last week’s edition](#). The proposals now have bill numbers which you can find below:

[HB 5515](#): *An Act Concerning the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services’ Recommendations Regarding Access to Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication.*

[HB 5517](#): *An Act Concerning the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services’ Recommendations Regarding Recovery-Friendly Language and Various Revisions to Mental Health and Addiction Statutes.*

You can always watch what is happening at the Legislative Office Building through [CT-N](#).

What's Happening Next?

As committee deadlines are quickly approaching, we wanted to highlight a few meetings that are taking place this week. To access the full CGA calendar, then please visit the [CGA website](#).

Week of March 9th

TUE

[Labor Committee
Public Hearing at
10AM](#)

[Human Services
Committee Public
Hearing at 11AM](#)

WED

[Judiciary Committee
Public Hearing at 10AM](#)

[Public Health
Committee Public
Hearing at 10:30AM](#)

THU

[Appropriations
Committee Public
Hearing at 1PM](#)

FRI

[Public Health
Committee Public
Hearing at 10:30AM](#)



Did You Know?

A bill that is voted out of committee may not be the final version of that bill. **Amendments** are written proposals to change the language of a bill or resolution, prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office (LCO). Each amendment is identified by an LCO number and given a letter of designation (such as, House or Senate "A") by the presiding officer when formally introduced on the floor. The letter designation is sometimes referred to as a "schedule", as in House amendment schedule "A".

An amendment can either be filed as a Republican, Democratic, or Joint amendment. This is determined on who proposes the amendment.

Not all amendments are called when a bill is brought out onto the House or Senate floor, and there can be several amendments that are filed on a singular bill.

Enjoy the warmer weather!

In partnership, Chandra & Kelly