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DMHAS Legislative Newsletter

Greetings to DMHAS Staff and Partners!

Hope you had a great week! Please see below what has taken place at the CT General Assembly this week:

Public Health Committee Updates

March 24th Public Hearing

The Public Health Committee held their final public hearing this week and Commissioner Navarretta submitted testimony on SB 7. This is a Senate Democrat priority bill and includes various unrelated provisions related to access to health care and health care equity.

To read Commissioner Navarretta's testimony – click [here](#).

March 26th Committee Meeting

As the Public Health Committee approaches their JF Deadline, the Committee is also holding two committee meetings this week to vote bills out of committee. Some of the bills that they have voted out of committee that relate to DMHAS include:

- [SB 7](#) – *An Act Concerning Protections for Access to Health Care and the Equitable Delivery of Health Care Services in the State*
- [HB 7214](#) – *An Act Concerning Maternal Health*
- [HB 7215](#) – *An Act Concerning Problem Gaming*

What Else Took Place at the LOB This Week?



Government Administration and Elections Committee Meeting – The GAE Committee voted over 50 bills out of committee in their final meeting this week. To watch the committee meeting, go [here](#).

Appropriations Committee Public Hearing – As the agency budget hearings and work sessions have concluded, the Appropriations Committee is holding public hearing on bills that they have drafted. To watch today's public hearing, click [here](#).



Did You Know?

Once a bill is voted out of committee, the Office of Legislative Research (OLR) will put together a bill analysis. This is a plain language summarization of what the bill is trying to accomplish. Additionally, the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) is tasked with determining if a bill will have a fiscal impact. For example, if a bill is trying to create a new program, then OFA will provide an estimate as how much it would cost to accomplish this endeavor.

Both of these reports, along with the bill, will get combined into a single document called a *File Copy*. This will be the document that legislators will reference as bill start to have debate on the House and Senate Floor. Files are numbered from one ("1"), regardless of whether they are a House or Senate bill.

To view all the file copies that have been published thus far, click [here](#).

Go Huskies!

In partnership, Chandra & Kelly