

DMHAS Legislative Newsletter

Greetings to DMHAS Staff and Partners!

It has been a busy week filled with public hearings and budget presentations! We wanted to give you a quick recap on some of the things that took place at the Legislative Office Building:

- On Monday, OPM Secretary Beckham presented a [budget briefing](#) in front of the Appropriations Committee. Legislators were able to ask various questions related to the budget after Governor Lamont's address.
- The Public Health Committee voted their first bills out of committee. Click this [link](#) to see which bills were acted upon.
- Today, the Public Health Committee raised more concepts. Watch [here](#).

Did You Know?

Legislative committees have certain deadlines to act upon bills.

The "*Proposed Bill*" deadline - the date in which individual legislators can submit ideas for bills in undrafted form - has already passed.

For these bills, committees can either vote to have proposed bills fully drafted in order to be considered at a public hearing - called a "*Committee Bill*" - or keep them in concept form to have a "subject matter public hearing".

If actions aren't taken by the committee bill deadline dates, the proposed bills do not move forward. See future issues for more information about Raised Bills and Subject Matter Public Hearings!



What's Happening Next?

- The Bipartisan Prescription Drug Task Force will be having a [full committee meeting](#) on Tuesday, February 18 at 9:00AM.
- Learn more about fiscal guardrails! The Finance Revenue, and Bonding Committee will be holding an [informational forum](#) on the fiscal guardrails.
- The Human Services Committee will be holding a [public hearing](#) on Thursday, February 20th at 11:00AM.

Reminder - DMHAS' budget presentation is set to take place on *Friday, February 21st at 2:00PM in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building*. The public hearing is set to take place after starting at 4:00PM.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Warmest Regards, Chandra & Kelly

