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Legislative Update # 1

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Greeting from the DMHAS Legislative Affairs Unit! The session is well underway and the legislature is busy proposing bills. There are many new elected officials this session. I am sharing the Public Health Committee membership as this committee often hears bills that impact those in the behavioral health community and will be holding a hearing next week.

The Public Committee membership is as follows:

Sen. Daugherty Abrams, (Chair); Rep. Steinberg, (Chair)	Rep. Borer	Rep. Tercyak
Sen. Lesser, (Vice Chair)	Rep. Comey	Rep. Betts
Rep. Young, (Vice Chair)	Rep. Cook	Rep. Candelora
Sen. Somers, (Ranking Member)	Rep. Demicco	Rep. Carpino
Rep. Petit, (Ranking Member)	Rep. Genga	Rep. Kennedy
Sen. Cohen	Rep. Hennessy	Rep. Klarides-Ditria
Sen. Moore	Rep. Michel	Rep. Mccarty
Rep. Arnone	Rep. Ryan	Rep. Rebimbas
	Rep. Scanlon	

The Public Health Committee's hearing will be on February 4, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 1D of the LOB. Bills to be heard at this hearing that may be of interest to the behavioral health community include:

*Proposed [SB-45](#) AN ACT ADDING OPIOID USE DISORDER AND WITHDRAWAL AS A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION FOR THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA.

*Proposed [HB-5145](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACTION ORGANIZATIONS.

Testimony for this hearing may be submitted via email at phtestimony@cga.ct.gov or in hard copy by submitting 10 copies of written testimony no later than 8:30 A.M. on Monday, February 4, 2019 in Room 3000 of the LOB. Sign-up for in-person testimony, which is limited to three minutes per person, begins at 9:00 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB.

You can find information on the bills above by clicking on the bill hyperlink provided or by visiting cga.ct.gov. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or mary.mason@ct.gov. During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120 since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.

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