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CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative Update #1

Happy New Year! We at DMHAS wish you all good health and legislative success in 2017.

Over the past few days the General Assembly has opened the legislative session and organized the leadership and members of the twenty-seven committees which will raise and consider proposed bills. According to the new joint rules, committees will be led by two Senate Chairs, one from each party, in addition to a House Chair.

I am sending you a link that contains lists of the current committee membership. This link, <http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/legislativesession2017> has information on the House and Senate membership on each committee. Since the Senate and House each have vacancies, this list will change over time. Currently two Senators, one from Waterbury (Sen. Kane) and one from Hartford (Sen. Coleman) have elected not to serve, leaving their seats vacant. Representative Dargan from West Haven has also resigned from office, leaving a vacancy. As a result, committee assignments may change once new elections are held in those districts.

I will do my best to keep you abreast of legislative activities that impact the behavioral health community in the 2017 legislative session via legislative updates. If you happen to overlook an emailed update you can find them all at the link I have provided above.

Please feel free to reach out to me over the next few months on any legislative issues you may have. I can be reached via email at mary.mason@ct.gov, by calling (860) 418-6839. I am often at the Legislative Office Building or the Capitol and hope to see you there. I look forward to working with you this session.

All the best,

Mary Kate Mason