

NAMI Minnesota

Bills Summaries, Week of March 11-15

Mental Health Legislative Network Bills

Workforce

HF 4563 (Vang): Creates a mental health and substance use disorder education center managed by the Department of Health. Expands access so that rural providers can apply for a grant to pay for clinical supervision. Creates a youth care professional training program for trauma-informed care in residential settings. Allows clinical trainees to bill during interim periods between school and licensure. Referred to Human Service Policy.

Children's Funding Bill

SF4664 (Mann)/HF4671 (Fischer): Expands respite care for families in crisis and clarifies that respite services must be provided regularly. Creates a youth care professional training program for staff in residential facilities. Continues funding to support children transitioning from residential facilities. Establishes Medicaid benefit for children's residential crisis stabilization.

Funding:

- \$2.5 million so that school-linked services do not lose capacity next biennium
- \$1.5 million for the Youth Care Professional Training Program
- \$55.5 million to expand access to respite care
- \$2 million for children's group homes
- \$10 million to expand in-home children's services

Referred to Health and Human Services.

Adult Mental Health Bill

HF3743 (Edelson)/SF3701 (Morrison):

- Ensures that clubhouses are viewed as community support services programs.
- Appropriates funds to support existing First Episode Psychosis programs and to expand programs around the state.
- Creates and funds an Early Episode of Bipolar program.
- Funds a pilot program for voluntary engagement services.
- Includes occupational therapy as a service under Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (ARMHS).
- Increases rates for Protected Transport under nonemergency medical transport (NEMT).
- Allows texting under case management.
- Increases funding for mobile crisis teams so there is no drop in funding next year.

- Requires DHS and the Dept of Management and Budget to study how to move important mental health services from grant funding to formula-based funding.
- Increases funding for the Housing with Supports for Adults with Serious Mental Illness (HSASMI) grant.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services Policy.

Mental Health Policy Bill

SF3451 (Baldon)/H. F. 3495 (Fischer) Streamlines various licensing and provider provisions to increase access to mental health care. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

K-12 Screening Bill

HF3742 (Edelson)/SF1468(Morrison, Kunesh): Requires mental health screening for students. Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

ACT Policy Bill

SF3552 (Baldon; Abeler; Mohamed)/HF3865 (Baker; Curran): Expand access to assertive community treatment (ACT) by allowing first episode psychosis programs to determine eligibility for ACT team necessity. Eliminates county contract. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Disability Insurance Parity

HF3836 (Kraft, Feist, Howard, Acomb, Pérez-Vega, Bierman, Elkins, Hicks and Finke)/SF3606 (Xiong): Requires disability income coverage to apply the same standards and provide the same benefits for disability due to mental illnesses and substance use disorders as for other medical disabilities. Referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy.

Housing Discrimination - Emergency Calls

HF 3917 (Hassan)/SF3979 (Pha, Draheim): Clarifies tenant's cannot be evicted for contacting emergency services for mental health crises, and that the Attorney General may prosecute local ordinance violations. Referred to the Committee on Housing and Policy.

Life Insurance

HF4084 (Tabke): Removes outdated and discriminatory language from life insurance suicide provisions. Referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy.

Employment

HF 4131 (Sencer-Mura)/SF4021 (Mohamed): Appropriates \$2.5 million ongoing for the Individual Placement and Supports (IPS) program. IPS is a highly effective program to help people with serious mental illnesses obtain and maintain employment.

Collaborative Care

HF4145 (Bierman)/SF3650 (Baldon): Requires coverage of collaborative care under Medical Assistance. Referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy.

Clubhouses

SF 4447 (Pappas): Directs the Commissioner of Human Services to cover accredited clubhouse services under medical assistance. The Director must submit a report on the benefit, submit a state plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and draft legislation on the benefit. Creates a pilot project to establish and expand clubhouses, with at least \$300,000 per clubhouse given to at least three clubhouses. Provides \$4,500,000 to create the medical assistance benefit and fund the pilot project. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Introductions

HF 4779 (Hicks): Includes residential crisis stabilization for children in medical assistance coverage. Requires commissioners to provide reports and recommendations regarding the jurisdiction, eligibility criteria, clinical and service requirements and such. Referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

HF 4821 (Cha, Her, Acomb, Vang, Jordan, Clardy): Establishes the Climate and Mental Health Advisory Task Force as a part of the Climate resiliency program. Addresses the effects of climate change on mental health. Referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

HF4883 (Clardy and Witte): Appropriates \$3.4 million for crisis response including mobile crisis response, crisis follow-up and stabilization services, and embedded social workers with local public safety agencies.

HF 4911 (Virnig): Provides a discretionary child welfare response in the case of educational neglect. Requires the local welfare agency provide services that are culturally and linguistically appropriate.

HF 4912 (Sencer-Mura): Creates a onetime aid of \$ 20,000,000 to help connect students to their schools and improve student attendance. Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

HF 4923 (Frazier): Clarifies definitions of healthcare in jails, requires body cameras for corrections officers, clarifies requirements for releases of information for people in jail, and provides funding for training for jail staff.

Senate Introductions

SF 4880 (Wiklund): Requires health plans to include essential community providers in all health plans located in the area served by the health plans. Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

SF 4929 (Seeberger): Increases the criminal penalty for assaulting a firefighter, EMS personnel, or certain health care providers. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

SF 5024 (Seeberger): Allows an exception to the ban on seclusion in schools if the exception is explained in an individualized education program. Referred to ED Policy.

SF5035 (Mohamed): Changes data practices for fire and police responding to mental health crises to limit the misuse of health data. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SF5036 (Mohamed): Appropriates \$350,000 for the Metro Youth Division Center for employment support for East African students. Referred to the Jobs Committee.

SF5039 (Mohamed): Requires mental health education in schools. Referred to Education Policy.

SF5042 (Mohamed): Temporarily allows licensed graduate social workers to engage in clinical practice without supervision of a mental health professional for providing crisis response services and to provide treatment supervision to individuals on crisis teams. Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

SF5043 (Mohamed): Clarifies and makes changes to Travis' Law which requires 911 to send mental health crisis teams where available.