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Lieutenant Governor Calley to speak at MACMHB winter conference

Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley, a longtime advocate for behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability issues will be a plenary speaker at the winter conference of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (MACMHB). The Lieutenant Calley will be speaking in the morning plenary on Wednesday, February 3rd, on a range of topics from the work of the Opioid Task Force, which Mr. Calley led to his work in leading Special Education reform. We are very pleased to have the Lieutenant Governor join us a the conference and look forward to his remarks.
Be sure to attend the spring MACMHB conference, on May 10 and 11, in Dearborn, at which a panel of club house members, researchers, and clinicians will be the plenary speakers, reviewing the findings of recent research on the effectiveness of Clubhouses (Psychosocial Rehabilitative) throughout the state.

**Lapeer CMH partners in co-location effort with FQHC**

Lapeer CMH recently announced the Grand Opening of Hamilton Community Health Network’s newest clinic within the Lapeer County Community Mental Health Center. As the recent press release from Lapeer pointed out, “Services will be available to those in the community regardless of their level of income or insurance levels. Hamilton Community Health Network is a not-for-profit Federally Qualified Health Center, and has been providing quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care to the residents of Genesee County for nearly 30 years.”

Hamilton and Lapeer CMH will be celebrating this new location in Lapeer County with a Grand Opening celebration on January 19, 2016 at 11:00AM at Lapeer CMH on at 1570 Suncrest Drive, Lapeer. Please join Lapeer County CMH as they welcome Hamilton Community Health Care Network to our community.

**MDHHS announces MI Health Link dashboard**

MDHHS recently announced the most recent posting to the MI Health Link Public Enrollment Dashboard for the enrollment data as of January 11, 2016. MI Health Link is Michigan’s pilot program designed around health care integration for persons dually enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid. The enrolment data can be found at: www.michigan.gov/mihealthlink (Under Spotlight, click on the hyperlink, “Enrollment Dashboard” (pdf file)

**Partners in Crisis announces winter conference**

Michigan Partners in Crisis (PIC), the statewide mental health- & justice coalition, is holding its annual winter conference on February 19, 2016 at the offices of the Michigan Association of CMH Boards, 426 South Walnut, Lansing. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The program will run from 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The conference’s sessions will address: inmate segregation in state prisons (Department of Corrections presenting) and the Governor’s Mental Health Diversion Council (Department of Health & Human Services presenting). Additionally, the conference will feature a a review of PIC initiatives over the past year and outline PICs priorities for the coming year.

For more information or to register, contact Greg Boyd at ghb1@acd.net

**National Council provides context on Executive Order on access to firearms**

The National Council for Behavioral Health recently provided some useful context for the President’s recent speech and Executive Order on gun control. Excerpts from this National Council document are provided below.
EXECUTIVE GUN ORDER CLARIFIES EXISTING LAW ON REPORTING MENTAL ILLNESS:
This week, the Obama administration announced a series of Executive Orders aimed at reducing gun violence. Among its many provisions, the rule clarifies existing federal law on the required reporting of mental health information to the federal government background-checks system for gun purchases. As under current law, the new regulation does not require physicians directly involved in patient care to engage in the reporting process, but instead gives state agencies improved flexibility to report pertinent information.

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) database does not collect an individual’s detailed treatment information, diagnoses or other health data. It simply contains the information that an individual is prohibited from purchasing a firearm for mental health reasons. A person can be deemed ineligible to purchase a firearm because they have been involuntarily committed to a mental institution; have been found incompetent to stand trial or found not guilty by reason of insanity; or have been determined through an adjudication process to have a severe mental health condition.

According the Department of Health and Human Services, restrictions in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) prevented some states from reporting to the NICS the identities of people subject to the mental health prohibitor. This action clarifies that reporting is allowed and encouraged under HIPAA.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, mental health prohibitions are the eighth-most-common reason people have been denied access to firearms by NICS. Since 1998, more than 21,000 background checks were denied due to adjudicated mental health prohibitions.

**First episode psychosis resources announced**

This week, the National Council of Behavioral Health launched a new resources page on first episode psychosis. The website, which can be found at: http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/topics/first-episode-psychosis/ includes information about the clinical, workforce, training and financing elements for successful adoption of early intervention models of care for psychosis. Early intervention has received national attention over the last few months with the publication of the National Institute of Mental Health’s Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenic Episode(RAISE) study. The RAISE study provided “concrete data on this pioneering intervention for people that experience psychosis related to a schizophrenia diagnosis, which has resulted in remarkable outcomes for individuals who—up until this point in history—would have likely ended up permanently disabled and unable to participate in a lifetime of quality everyday living,” said the National Council’s Adam Swanson in his most recent blog post. First episode psychosis also received a bump in federal appropriations through the Mental Health Block Grant for 2016-2017. The final budget agreement increases the proportion of the required set-aside for early intervention services from 5% of block grant funds to 10%. A $50 million funding increase in the block grant overall more than fully offsets the increased set-aside.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
State Revenues Continue to Grow

On Thursday, state officials held the January revenue estimating conference where they announced that Michigan’s economy continues to grow but at a slower pace than in recent years.

Combined General Fund and School Aid Fund revenue for the current fiscal year is now estimated at $194 million over last year (although that is a downward revision from last May’s projection).

For the coming fiscal year (Fiscal Year 2016-2017), combined General Fund and School Aid Fund revenue is projected to be $725 million over last year (again, revised downward from last May by $20 million). In addition, there is $575 million in “one time” funds, including lapsed monies from last year, estimated for the coming fiscal year.

The conference also anticipated total public school enrollment for the current year at 1.495 million students. While that is down 12,208 from the 2014-15 school year, it is actually 1,000 students more than the May estimate. Traditional public schools saw 7,000 more students than anticipated, while charter schools saw 6,000 fewer students.

The new estimates come as the Legislature faces numerous pressures for increased spending, including the Flint drinking water public health crisis, the dire financial plight of Detroit Public Schools, and the need for a short-term road funding boost before a longer-term plan approved by the Legislature last year takes effect.

Budget Director John Roberts said the administration will within the next two weeks present to the Legislature a supplemental 2016 appropriation request for money to assist with Flint and the amount of that appropriation, if approved, will cut into the $575 million surplus from 2015.

Governor Snyder’s FY17 executive budget presentation is set for February 10.

NATIONAL UPDATE

New Bill Would Invest Millions in Curbing Nation’s Opioid Epidemic

A new bill in the Senate would invest over half a billion dollars in emergency funding to help curb the nation’s opioid and heroin abuse epidemic. The funding measure – introduced by Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) – would provide supplemental emergency funding to critical programs in the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services.

“The opioid crisis is spiraling out of control,” said Senator Shaheen in a statement. “This should be an all-hands-on-deck moment, not just for New Hampshire, but for our country. We are losing lives daily and our first responders, healthcare providers and criminal justice system are overwhelmed. To stem the tide, we urgently need additional funding for prevention, treatment and recovery efforts, and this legislation would provide resources to those on the frontlines.”
The emergency funding proposal includes the following:

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- $225 million for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant;
- $10 million to help improve access in high risk communities to medication assisted treatment services;
- $5 million to assist community organizations and develop organized statewide network for peer-to-peer recovery support including activities such as peer coaching, peer support groups, life skills workshops and peer-led housing and employment connector programs;
- $20 million for the Strategic Prevention Framework to address underage drinking and prescription drug misuse and abuse among 12 to 25 year olds;
- $5 million for Project AWARE, a grant program to support the training of teachers and others who interact with youth through their programs at the community level, including parents, law enforcement, faith-based leaders, and other adults, in Mental Health First Aid;
- $50 million for expanding State-level prescription drug abuse prevention efforts such as improving prescription drug monitoring programs, data collection, and collaboration among States;
- $40 million for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to better coordinate and respond to the national heroin and opioid drug abuse crisis at the discretion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

- $200 million for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program to fund state and local initiatives on drug treatment and enforcement programs, law enforcement, and prevention and education programs;
- $10 million for grants to State law enforcement agencies in States with high rates of primary treatment admissions for heroin or other opioids.

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- $30 million to the National Institute on Drug Abuse for targeted research on drug addiction and efforts to disseminate the results to improve prevention and treatment.

**Have a Great Weekend!**