

MHC 2024 Legislative Priorities

Prevention & Intervention

Upholding Equitable
Healthcare Access:
Enforce Mental Health
and Substance Use
Parity in Private
Insurance.

·Urgent need for action on current health care access disparities
·Stronger enforcement of compliance with existing legislation
·Hold health carriers accountable for noncompliance
·Addressing the issue in 2024 ensures fair access to mental health

and substance use

services for everyone.



Empowering Recovery: Integration of Peer Support in Connecticut's Mental Health Workforce.

·Peer support is evidence-based and crucial for comprehensive care ·Initiative focuses on integrating certified individuals with firsthand experience ·Inclusion in both clinical and non-clinical settings ·Prioritizing the initiative expedites individuals' paths to recovery.



Sustaining Mental Health Crisis Support: Securing Long-Term Funding for

the 988 System.

·Advocate for CT's nonnegotiable commitment to immediate mental health crisis support via the 988 system. Imperative to allocate sustainable, long-term funding for continuous and reliable aid. ·System staffed by trained individuals and certified peer support staff. Ensures a compassionate and understanding approach

in crisis response.



Equity

Innovative Healthcare Access: Institutionalizing Telehealth in Healthcare Services.

·Telehealth is essential, especially for rural areas, the elderly, and those with disabilities or in-home care needs ·Shift from convenience to necessity ·Modernizing healthcare delivery requires making telehealth a permanent and vital aspect of the system.



Safe Environments

Empathy in Action:
Supportive Housing for
Mental Health and
Substance Use
Conditions.

·Supportive Housing First policies expedite permanent housing for mental health and substance use challenges ·Approach integrates treatment with a secure safety net ·Access to safe and affordable housing without mandatory treatment, unless meeting civil commitment criteria ·Empowers individuals to seek help on their terms,

securing fundamental

right to safe housing.



Championing Mental Wellness: Fueling the Bipartisan Mental Health Caucus with Active Engagement.

- Pledge to actively empower the Bipartisan
 Mental Health Caucus in
 Connecticut General
 Assembly
 Position as a dynamic
- and informed resource for mental health initiatives
 ·Contribute firsthand to the collective effort in prioritizing mental well-
- ·Transform commitment into tangible action for the state's mental health landscape.

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Championing the collaboration with 'For All Ages' to tackle the pressing epidemic of loneliness and social isolation in the United States.

·Address the annual toll of 162,000 Americans succumbing to isolation ·Seeks to safeguard community well-being and vitality ·Forging partnerships transcending age barriers ·Aims to create a nation where no one feels alone, uniting against

the silent epidemic

claiming lives.

