

Legislative Affairs Committee Minutes, September 2023

Meeting 9/5/2023

Our September meeting was a discussion related to the meeting Sue Coyle and I were able to secure over the summer with Secretary Arkoosh, Jennifer Smith (OMHSAS) and Patrick Joyal (Governor's Office). We were able to discuss the following with this group:

The decline of the human service system via a presentation designed by Mindful Kreative, with the example of the collapse of the Fern Hollow Bridge used as reference.

We felt this example conveyed a powerful artistic analogy to the state of our system of care. As this document is the work product prepared for CAP, we discussed how, moving forward, our members are free to use it in your own legislative or advocacy meetings on behalf of CAP. This was posted in the member's only forum of the CAP website.

We also discussed the follow up meeting we were able to secure with Rep. Dan Miller after the CAP Legislative Breakfast held in May where we highlighted the need for regulatory reform

Utilizing the RCPA Regulatory Reform recommendations as a starting point, Rep. Miller indicated that he would like to only look at 2-3 areas where regulation needed serious consideration for reform. He tasked CAP to go back to the drawing board and come back with just a few regulations that he could then introduce to local representatives on the Human Services Committee that they might look to introduce as legislation.

The areas we discussed to communicate back to Rep. Miller were:

Encounter Form signage

Psychiatry requirements

An add'l issue related specifically to IDD providers

Denise Cavanaugh said she would pose this to the IDD Committee to see if they could collectively decide on one regulation that she would bring back to the committee so we could reconvene with Rep. Miller and offer what was asked of our group.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2023 at 1:00 pm.