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The following bill will have public hearing in the committee indicated below. For your information we have also included the date of the hearing.

[HB-7211](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL RECORDS AND ACCESS TO RESTRICTED RECORDS IN THE STATE ARCHIVES. (**Government Administration & Elections Committee Public Hearing 2/27/19**)

Below are miscellaneous bills that may be of interest to the behavioral health community:

[HB-5270](#) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEER SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTIFIED PEER COUNSELORS.

[HB-5423](#) AN ACT ENDING A WAIVER OF WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE.

[HB-5509](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COST-EFFECTIVE, PRIVATE DELIVERY OF HUMAN SERVICES.

[HB-5642](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE A STATE FUNDING AND SERVICE DISPARITY IN NORTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

[HB-5645](#) AN ACT REQUIRING A PRESCRIBING PRACTITIONER TO INFORM ANY PATIENT RECEIVING A PRESCRIPTION FOR A BENZODIAZEPINE DRUG OF THE SIDE EFFECTS OF SUCH DRUG.

[HB-5653](#) AN ACT ALLOWING FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE DOGS USED BY INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.

[HB-5774](#) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN FUNDING TO RESTORE CRITICAL PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

[HB-5814](#) AN ACT REQUIRING PHARMACIES TO INSTALL PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP-BOXES.

[HB-5866](#) AN ACT USING FUNDS FROM THE DRUG ASSETS FORFEITURE REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR DRUG TREATMENT BEDS

You can find information on the bills above by clicking on the bill hyperlink provided or by visiting cga.ct.gov. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or mary.mason@ct.gov. During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120, since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.