

# MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION (116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS)

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\*\* = New bills since last update

## ADDICTION & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

### Cartwright, Matt (D-PA) – MH Caucus Member

\*\*HR 7701, Addiction Prevention and Responsible Opioid Practices Act: To establish programs related to prevention of prescription opioid misuse, and for other purposes.

### Cummings, Elijah (D-MD)

HR 2569, Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency Act: To provide emergency assistance to States, territories, Tribal nations, and local areas affected by the opioid epidemic and to make financial assistance available to States, territories, Tribal nations, local areas, and public or private nonprofit entities to provide for the development, organization, coordination, and operation of more effective and cost efficient systems for the delivery of essential services to individuals with substance use disorder and their families.

### Dean, Madeleine (D-PA)

\*\*HR 7627, MORE Savings Act: To promote affordable access to evidence-based opioid treatments under the Medicare program and require coverage of medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorders, opioid overdose reversal medications, and recovery support services by health plans without cost-sharing requirements.

### Gibbs, Bob (R-OH)

HR 4111, Combating Meth and Cocaine Act: To authorize State opioid response grants, and for other purposes.

### Kim, Andy (D-NJ) – MH Caucus Member

HR 5631, Solutions Not Stigmas Act: To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide grants to medical and other health profession schools to expand or develop education and training programs for substance use prevention and treatment, and for other purposes.

HR 5633, Synthetic Opioid Danger Awareness Act: To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to provide for a public education campaign for the promotion outreach and education campaign to raise public awareness of synthetic opioids.

### Kuster, Ann (D-NH) – MH Caucus Member

HR 817, Combating the Heroin Epidemic through Forensic Drug Testing Act: To authorize the Bureau of Justice Assistance to award state grants to address the use, sale, and distribution of heroin, fentanyl, and associated synthetic drugs.

HR 2922, Respond Now Act: To create a \$25 billion Opioid Epidemic Response Fund to provide \$5 billion annually over five years targeted to numerous key activities involving such agencies as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and Health Resources & Services Administration.

### **Latta, Bob (R-OH)**

\*\*HR 7147, CRISIS Act: To amend the Community Mental Health Service Block Grant to authorize a set-aside for crisis care services, and for other purposes.

### **McKinley, David (R-WV)**

HR 3927, PDMPs Help Patients Act: To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a pilot program to test the feasibility and outcomes of integrating a substance use disorder and behavioral health treatment locator tool into the prescription drug monitoring programs of 5 eligible States.

### **Tonko, Paul (D-NY) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 2482, Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act: To amend section 303(g) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823(g)) to eliminate the separate registration requirement for dispensing narcotic drugs in schedule III, IV, or V (such as buprenorphine) for maintenance or detoxification treatment, and for other purposes.

## **COMMUNITIES OF COLOR**

### **Cárdenas, Tony (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 8141, Strengthening Mental Health Supports for BIPOC Communities Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to reduce health inequities experienced by individuals who are members of historically racial and ethnic minority groups under State plans under the community mental health services block grant program, and for other purposes.

### **Chu, Judy (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 2826, Stop Mental Health Stigma in Our Communities Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for behavioral and mental health outreach and education strategies to reduce stigma associated with mental health among the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander population.

### **Horn, Kendra (D-OK) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 7776, Children’s Mental Health Care Access Act: To permit child care providers that receive payment for services provided under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to use a portion of such payment to purchase mental health supports necessary to protect the health of participating children and child care workers.

### **Johnson, Eddie Bernice (D-TX)**

\*\*HRes 1064, Supporting the goals and ideals of Black, indigenous, and people of color (“BIPOC”) Mental Health Awareness Month in July 2020.

### **Napolitano, Grace F. (D-CA) – MH Caucus Co-Chair**

HR 4543, Reducing Mental Health Stigma in the Hispanic Community Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a behavioral and mental health outreach and education strategy to reduce stigma associated with mental health among the Hispanic and Latino population, and for other purposes.

### **Watson Coleman, Bonnie (D-NJ) – MH Caucus Member**

HRes 480, Acknowledging the racial disparities in diagnosing and treating mental health among youth in communities of color.

HR 5469, Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act: To address mental health issues for youth, particularly youth of color, and for other purposes.

## **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

### **Boyle, Brendan (D-PA) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 6926, MIND Act: This bill temporarily allows states to receive federal Medicaid payment for services provided in institutions for mental diseases (IMDs) during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) and for 180 days after the emergency ends. Current law generally prohibits federal payment under Medicaid for services provided in IMDs for individuals under the age of 65 (although states may receive payment through certain mechanisms, such as through a Medicaid demonstration waiver).

### **Bustos, Cheri (D-IL)**

\*\*HR 7159, Crisis Care Improvement and Suicide Prevention Act: To amend the Community Mental Health Service Block Grant to authorize a set-aside for crisis care services, and for other purposes.

### **Emmer, Tom (R-MN) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 7047, To provide for expedited additional support under the farm and ranch stress assistance network, and for other purposes: This bill directs the Department of Agriculture to award expedited additional grants for FY2020, within 60 days, to certain entities under the farm and ranch stress assistance network. Each awarded grant may not exceed \$500,000. The bill also provides additional funding for the program.

### **Krishnamoorthi, Raja (D-IL)**

\*\*HR 7255, Coronavirus Health Care Worker Wellness Act: To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to health care providers to establish or expand programs dedicated to promoting mental wellness among their health care workers, including contractors, on the front lines of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, and for other purposes.

### **Kuster, Ann (D-NH) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 6620, To authorize grants to address substance use during COVID-19: This bill requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to award grants to eligible jurisdictions and community-based organizations to address the harms of substance misuse, including by encouraging actions to reduce health impacts of substance use during national disasters and emergencies. SAMHSA shall prioritize grants by accounting for such factors as drug overdose death rates.

### **Porter, Katie (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 7080, Stopping the Mental Health Pandemic Act: To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to States, political subdivisions of States, Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, community-based entities, and primary care and behavioral health organizations to address behavioral health needs caused by the public health emergency declared with respect to COVID-19.

### **Rose, Max (D-NY) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 8094, Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act: To address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals.

## **Ryan, Tim (D-OH) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 6999, Coronavirus Mental Health and Addiction Assistance Act: To establish the Coronavirus Mental Health and Addiction Assistance Network, and for other purposes.

## **Steil, Bryan (R-WI)**

\*\*HR 7893, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Support During COVID-19 Act: To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a COVID–19 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Response Grant Program, and for other purposes.

## **Tonko, Paul (D-NY) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 6645, To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, to conduct or support research on the mental health consequences of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, and for other purposes.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

### **Cárdenas, Tony (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 2300, Eliminating Debtor’s Prison for Kids Act: To establish a grant to provide mental health services and behavioral health services to at-risk youth, and for other purposes.

### **DeSaulnier, Mark (D-Ca) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 5569, Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act: To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify, review, and implement effective interventions in Head Start programs, and for other purposes.

### **Katko, John (R-NY) – MH Caucus Co-Chair**

HR 743, Securing Our Children Act: To establish the Presidential Commission on Securing Our Nation's Children. The commission must review and develop recommendations regarding the safety and security of children in the United States.

### **Lawrence, Brenda (D-MI)**

HR 4420, Timely Mental Health for Foster Youth Act: To amend subpart 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care.

### **Phillips, Dean (D-MN)**

HR 2503, Supporting Family Mental Health in CAPTA Act: To amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to increase support for mental health.

## **FIRST RESPONDERS**

### **Bera, Ami (D-CA)**

HR 1646, HERO Act: To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to improve the detection, prevention, and treatment of mental health issues among public safety officers, and for other purposes.

### **Harder, Josh (D-CA)**

HR 2696, Supporting the Health and Safety of Law Enforcement Act: To create a pilot program to promote coordination between community mental health centers and law enforcement agencies. Specifically, it directs the Department of Justice to award grants for community mental health centers to place social workers with law enforcement agencies with the purpose of placement in facilitate coordination on law enforcement cases with an underlying mental health component.

### **Horn, Kendra (D-OK) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 2698, The Law Enforcement Training for Mental Health Crisis Response Act: To provide grants to State, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies to obtain behavioral health crisis response training for law enforcement officers.

### **Kelly, Robin (D-IL)**

HR 6003, First Responders Resiliency Act: To exempt certain Federal first responder grants from matching fund requirements to address the Nation's rising rate of first responder suicides and other mental health issues, and for other purposes.

### **Quigley, Mike (D-IL)**

HR 3735, Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Act: To require the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide information on suicide rates in law enforcement, and for other purposes.

### **Reschenthaler, Guy (R-PA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 2368, Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis Act: To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

### **Trone, David (D-MD) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 7568, Public Safety Officer Support Act: To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize public safety officer death benefits to officers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **Barragan, Nanette Diaz (D-CA)**

HR 1336, Mental Health Care for Children Inhumanely Separated from Parents by the Federal Government Act: To require the Federal Government to provide mental health services to each child who has been separated from one or more parent as a result of implementation of the Trump Administration's zero tolerance policy at the United States border, and for other purposes.

## **Napolitano, Grace F. (D-CA) – MH Caucus Co-Chair**

### HR 6075, Immigrants' Mental Health Act:

- Would direct the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in consultation with the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use (SAMHSA), the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration to develop and implement a training curriculum to: (1) identify mental health risk factors and warning signs in immigrants and refugees and (2) to address mental health and wellness of CBP officers and agents
- Would direct SAMHSA to conduct an annual review of the training and include any recommendations for improvement
- To adequately evaluate the mental health needs of immigrants, refugees, border patrol agents, and staff, the bill would direct CBP to assign at least one qualified mental or behavioral health expert to each CBP detention facility
- Would prevent the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from sharing and/or the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from requesting an immigrant's confidential mental health therapy notes for asylum determinations, immigration hearings, or deportation proceedings

## **MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS**

### **Bilirakis, Gus (R-FL) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 4861, Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to improve the identification, assessment, and treatment of patients in the emergency department who are at risk of suicide, and for other purposes.

### **Chu, Judy (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 3711, Nutrition CARE Act: To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of medical nutrition therapy services for individuals with eating disorders under the Medicare program.

### **DeFazio, Peter (D-OR) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 7961, CAHOOTS Act: To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage State Medicaid programs to provide community-based mobile crisis intervention services, and for other purposes.

### **Harder, Josh (D-CA)**

HR 5411, Increasing Access to Mental Health Act: To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a Task Force on Local Mental Health Needs, and for other purposes.

### **Hastings, Alcee L. (D-FL)**

HR 1564, Outpatient Mental Health Modernization Act: To include nutritional planning, meals, and transportation, as well as vocational and employment counseling services, as covered partial-hospitalization services under Medicare. The Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a Behavioral Health Advisory Committee to address specified issues, including discrimination against the chronically mentally ill, elderly, and veterans in relation to treatment for mental illness.

HR 1345, Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act: To allow otherwise eligible individuals who are in custody pending charges to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicare, Medicaid, or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) benefits with SSI benefits made payable to such an individual that (1) must be withheld until the individual is no longer in custody; and (2) if the individual dies while in custody, shall be paid to the individual's estate.

## **Huizenga, Bill (R-MI)**

**\*\*HR 7912, INPATIENT Act:** To provide for a demonstration program and pilot project to expand choice for inpatient psychiatric services under Medicaid and Medicare.

## **Kennedy, Joseph (D-MA)**

**\*\*HR 7780, Virtual Community Support Act:** To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to award grants to facilitate the funding of community-based mental health and substance use disorder services and peer support programs, and for other purposes.

**\*\*HR 7748, Crisis Counseling Act:** This bill provides for immediate approval of any request by a state, local, or tribal government for crisis counseling and training after the President declares a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

**\*\*HR 7723, Behavioral Health Coordination and Communications Act:** To establish the position of Interagency Coordinator for Behavioral Health to coordinate the programs and activities of the Federal Government relating to mental health, and for other purposes.

**\*\*HRes 1057, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that in order to effectively address the high prevalence of those suffering from mental health conditions and substance use disorders, the United States needs to make historic financial investments into mental health and substance use disorder care and finally acknowledge such care as a priority in health care equal to physical health, and for other purposes.**

**\*\*HR 7539, Strengthening Behavioral Health Parity Act:** To strengthen parity in mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

**HR 1920, Medicaid Bump Act:** To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a higher Federal matching rate for increased expenditures under Medicaid for mental and behavioral health services, and for other purposes.

**HR 2874, Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act:** To strengthen parity in mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

## **Kuster, Ann (D-NH) – MH Caucus Member**

**HR 4141, Humane Correctional Health Care Act:** To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a consistent standard of health care to the incarcerated, and for other purposes.

## **Lee, Barbara (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

**HR 1533, Improving Access to Mental Health Act:** To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to mental health services under the Medicare program.

## **Matsui, Doris (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

**HR 1767, Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Expansion Act:** To extend Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic's activities for an additional two years and expand the program to 11 states that applied but were excluded from participation by the eight-state limit in current law. CCBHCs provide a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use disorder services to vulnerable individuals.

## **Napolitano, Grace F. (D-CA) – MH Caucus Co-Chair**

**HRes 337, Expressing support for the designation of May 2019 as "Mental Health Awareness Month".**

### **Porter, Katie (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 3165, Mental Health Parity Compliance Act: The parity compliance legislation seeks to improve compliance on the part of health plans and insurers. This legislation does the following:

- Requires health plans and insurers to perform analyses of how they design and apply their managed care practices to determine if this is done in a parity-compliant fashion
- Requires the Secretaries to request these analyses if there have been complaints against a particular health plan or insurer
- Requires the Secretaries to request these analyses at random from at least 50 health plans and insurers
- Requires the Secretaries to specify to health plans and insurers what they must do to come into compliance if found out of compliance
- Requires the Secretaries to report back to Congress what they found

### **Ruiz, Raul (D-CA)**

HR 2519, Improving Mental Health Access from the Emergency Department Act: To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to award grants to implement innovative approaches to securing prompt access to appropriate follow-on care for individuals who experience an acute mental health episode and present for care in an emergency department, and for other purposes.

### **Tonko, Paul (D-NY) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 7323, Medicare Mental Health Inpatient Equity Act: This bill removes the 190-day lifetime limit on inpatient psychiatric hospital services under Medicare.

HR 1329, Medicaid Reentry Act: To allow Medicaid payment for medical services furnished to an incarcerated individual during the 30-day period preceding the individual's release.

### **Trone, David (D-MD) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 5909, Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act: To strengthen mental health collaboration in communities, and for other purposes.

### **Turner, Michael (R-OH)**

HR 2511, The Reforming and Expanding Access to Treatment Act: To allow federal payment for qualified substance use disorder services, such as medication or behavioral treatment administered, furnished to inmates in public institutions under state Medicaid programs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration shall not establish, maintain, or implement any policy that restricts its statutorily authorized provision or support of substance abuse treatment for incarcerated individuals.

### **Underwood, Lauren (D-IL)**

HR 5575, Primary and Behavioral Health Care Access Act: To amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide for 3 primary care visits and 3 behavioral health care visits without application of any cost-sharing requirement.

### **Walden, Greg (R-OR)**

HR 3074, Continuing Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Care Act: To amend the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 to extend the Medicaid demonstration programs to improve access to community mental health services.



## MILITARY & VETERANS

### **Bergman, Jack (R-MI)**

HR 3495, Improve Well-Being for Veterans Act: To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide financial assistance to eligible entities to provide and coordinate the provision of suicide prevention services for veterans at risk of suicide and veteran families through the award of grants to such entities, and for other purposes.

### **Blunt, Rochester Lisa (D-DE)**

\*\*HR 7504, VA Clinical TEAM Culture Act: To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish standards and requirements for non-Department mental health care providers participating in Department of Veterans Affairs Community Care program, and for other purposes.

### **Brindisi, Anthony (D-NY)**

\*\*HR 8033, Access to Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act: To improve the ability of veterans to access suicide prevention coordinators of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

\*\*HR 7678, Military Mental Health Stigma Reduction Act: To amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to direct the Secretary of Defense to include a description of programs to address and reduce the stigma associated with seeking assistance for mental health or suicidal thoughts in a report.

HR 2333, Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act: To require the Government Accountability Office to report on the responsibilities, workload, training, and vacancy rates of suicide prevention coordinators at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

HR 2629, Care and Readiness Enhancement for Reservists Act: To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for mental health services from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

### **Brownley, Julia (D-CA)**

\*\*HR8068, American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans Mental Health Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain improvements relating to mental health and suicide prevention outreach to minority veterans and American Indian and Alaska Native veterans, and for other purposes.

HR 2798, Building Supportive Networks for Women Veterans Act: To amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program on counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated from service in the Armed Forces.

### **Buchanan, Vern (R-FL)**

HR 100, Veteran Overmedication and Suicide Prevention Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct an independent review of the deaths of certain veterans by suicide, and for other purposes.

### **Cartwright, Matt (D-PA) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 7902, Expedited Hiring for VA Trained Psychiatrists Act: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire psychiatrists.

### **Cisneros, Gil (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 5867, STOP Veteran Suicide and Substance Abuse Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish or update certain clinical practice guidelines of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

### **Correa, Luis (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 712, VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a clinical trial of the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of adults with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

### **Finkenauer, Abby (D-IA) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 7964, Peer Support for Veterans Families Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out education programs and peer support programs for family members and caregivers of veterans with mental health disorders.

### **Gabbard, Tulsi (D-HI)**

HR 4992, REACH MIL Act: To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program on suicide prevention in the military health care system.

HR 4993, REVAMP Act: To amend title 10, United States Code, to require members of the Armed Forces to receive physical examinations and mental health assessments during the 90-day period before separation from the Armed Forces, to include health care planning in the Transition Assistance Program for members of the Armed Forces, to require the Secretary of Defense to issue an annual report to Congress regarding health care for separating members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

HR 4994, TRCARE PAR Study Act: To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on reimbursement rates for mental health care providers under the TRICARE program.

### **Golden, Jared (D-ME)**

\*\*HR 8005, Veterans Access to Online Treatment Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide veterans access to computerized cognitive behavioral therapy.

### **Hayes, Jahana (D-CT)**

\*\* HR 8145, To provide for a staffing improvement plan and occupational series for licensed professional mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

\*\*HR 8144, VA Mental Health Staffing Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan to address staffing of mental health providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

### **Jackson Lee, Sheila (D-TX) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 4290, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate a week as "Battle Buddy Check Week" for the purpose of outreach and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans, and for other purposes.

### **Joyce, David (R-OH)**

**\*\*HR 8125, Military Suicide Prevention in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act:** To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program to pre-program suicide prevention resources into smart devices issued to members of the Armed Forces.

### **King, Peter (R-NY)**

**HR 5570, Veteran Suicide Prevention Act:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a review of the deaths of certain veterans who died by suicide, and for other purposes.

### **Lamb, Conor (D-PA)**

**\*\*HR 8149, VA Precision Medicine Act:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out an initiative to identify and validate brain and mental health biomarkers among veterans.

**HR 2359, Whole Veteran Act:** To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to report on the implementation of its whole health approach to health care. The report must include an analysis of the accessibility and availability of a variety of services including hypnosis and acupuncture. The whole health model is a holistic approach that looks at the many areas of life that may affect health in order to make a health plan suited for each individual based on his or her health goals.

### **Lee, Susie (D-NV) – MH Caucus Member**

**\*\*HR 7541, VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act:** This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish the Zero Suicide Initiative pilot program for the purpose of improving safety and suicide care for veterans. The program must be implemented at five VA medical centers, including one that serves veterans in rural and remote areas.

### **Loebsack, Dave (D-IA) – MH Caucus Member**

**HR 2997, Sgt. Brandon Ketchum Never Again Act:** To require that when a veteran enrolled in the VA health care system requests at a VA Medical Center to be admitted for in-patient psychiatric care, the VA must provide that care for the veteran in the psychiatric ward of that Medical Center. If there are not enough beds or providers at that location, the VA must find care for the veteran at a non-VA facility. The bill would not prevent admissions as they current operate, but rather would supplement existing policy.

### **McAdams, Ben (D-UT) – MH Caucus Member**

**\*\*HR 8173, VA High Altitude and Suicide Research Act:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the connection between living at high altitude and suicide risk factors among veterans.

### **Morelle, Joe (D-NY)**

**HR 2184, Reach Every Veteran in Crisis Act:** To improve oversight and evaluation of the mental health and suicide prevention media outreach campaigns of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

### **Moulton, Seth (D-MA) – MH Caucus Member**

**\*\*HR 7368, Brandon Act:** To amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the process by which a member of the Armed Forces may be referred for a mental health evaluation.

**HR 2767, SERVE Act:** This bill provides coverage of the treatment of eating disorders under the TRICARE program. The services include both inpatient and outpatient care and shall be furnished without regard to age of a military dependent or whether there is a primary diagnosis of the disorder.

### **Peters, Scott (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HRes 1006, Expressing support for the designation of the month of June 2020 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month" and June 27, 2020, as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day".

HRes 455, Expressing support for the designation of the month of June 2019 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month" and June 27, 2019, as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day".

### **Rice, Kathleen (D-NY)**

\*\*HR 8130, VA Peer Specialist Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct an assessment of the capacity of peer specialists of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are women, and for other purposes.

\*\*HR 7390, To amend title 10, United States Code, to add to matters covered by counseling in the Transition Assistance Program.

### **Roe, David (R-TN)**

HR 1812, Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act: To amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to certain individuals.

### **Rose, Max (D-NY) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 2340, FIGHT Veteran Suicides Act: To require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to notify Congress following a suicide or attempted suicide of a veteran that occurs in a VA facility. Specifically, the VA must provide the name and location of the facility and also specific information regarding the veteran who committed or attempted suicide. The VA is required to include in each notification (1) guidance to deter the sensationalism of suicide, (2) guidance for identifying warning signs exhibited by veterans at risk of suicide, and (3) information on the resources available from the VA to veterans at risk of suicide.

### **Rutherford, John (R-FL) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 3103, PAWS Act: To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a grant program under which the Secretary shall make grants to private entities for the provision of service dogs to eligible veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes.

### **Ryan, Tim (D-OH) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 1997, Veteran Posttraumatic Growth Act: To require the Secretary to conduct a pilot program to study the effectiveness and benefits of non-profit posttraumatic growth programs. The pilot will determine the outcomes of such programs in contrast to traditional models of mental health care, the possible integration of such non-profit programs into the mental health care programs provided by the Secretary, and the budgetary impacts of such integration.

### **Smucker, Lloyd (R-PA)**

HR 1801, Warrior Wellness Act: To direct the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategy to recruit and retain mental health providers, to direct the Secretaries of the military departments to develop medication monitoring programs, and for other purposes.

### **Stivers, Steve (R-OH) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 4305, Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) for Veterans Therapy Act: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to implement a pilot program to assess the effectiveness of addressing post-deployment mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder through a method where veterans train service dogs for veterans with disabilities.

HR 3147, Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act: This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses, including post-traumatic stress disorder, regardless of whether they have a mobility impairment.

### **Suozzi, Thomas (D-NY) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 5027, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish free and comprehensive mental health care to former members of the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

### **Takano, Mark (D-CA)**

HR 5697, Veterans' ACCESS Act: To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish emergent mental health care to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

### **Torres Small, Xochitl (D-NM) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 7888, REACH VET Reporting Act: This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to report on the Recovery Engagement and Coordination for Health—Veterans Enhanced Treatment (REACH VET) program to assess, among other elements, the impact of the program on rates of suicide among veterans.

### **Trahan, Lori (D-MA)**

\*\*HR 7474, Comprehensive Review of Military Suicide Act: To direct the Secretary of Defense to issue guidance for the review of suicide events involving members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

### **Underwood, Lauren (D-IL)**

HR 2372, Veterans' Care Quality Transparency Act: To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of all memoranda of understanding and memoranda of agreement between Under Secretary of Health and non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities relating to suicide prevention and mental health services.

HR 4282, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a training session and a counseling session in suicide prevention and lethal means tailored to veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

### **Waltz, Michael (R-FL)**

HR 5605, United States-Israel PTSD Collaborative Research Act: To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a grant program to increase cooperation on post-traumatic stress disorder research between the United States and Israel.

### **Zeldin, Lee (R-NY)**

HR 1749, PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act: To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to State and local entities to carry out peer-to-peer mental health programs

# SCHOOLS

## Adams, Alma (D-NC)

HR 2625, LIVE Well Act: This bill includes eating-disorder prevention and promotion of long-term health practices in the educational component of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed) and local school wellness policies created under the National School Lunch Program or other federal child nutrition programs. Under current law, states may elect to implement certain nutrition education and obesity prevention programs as part of SNAP-Ed; this bill requires the Department of Agriculture to specifically implement a nutrition education and obesity prevention program that includes a focus on long-term health practices.

HR 6703, Eating Disorder Prevention in Schools Act: To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to include eating disorder prevention within local school wellness policy, and for other purposes.

## Cárdenas, Tony (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member

\*\*HR 7859, Strengthening Behavioral Health Supports for Schools Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration a Center for School Behavioral Health Technical Assistance, and for other purposes.

## Chu, Judy (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member

HR 2958, Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act: To increase the recruitment and retention of school-based mental health services providers by low-income local educational agencies.

## Clark, Katherine (D-MA) – MH Caucus Member

HR 4381, Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Act: To effectively staff the public elementary schools and secondary schools of the United States with school-based mental health services providers.

## Cleaver, Emanuel (D-MO) – MH Caucus Member

HR 3778, Cady Housh and Gemesha Thomas Student Suicide Prevention Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize certain grants (for youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies) to be used for school personnel in elementary and secondary schools and students in secondary schools to receive student suicide awareness and prevention training, and for other purposes.

## Correa, Luis (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member

HR 3192, Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act: To require colleges and universities to provide the contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; Crisis Text Line; and a campus mental health center, if applicable, on student identification cards. For colleges and universities that do not provide identification cards to their students, schools must ensure that the information is available on their website.

## Fitzpatrick, Brian (R-PA) – MH Caucus Member

HR 4025, Mental Health in Schools Excellence Program Act: To establish the Mental Health in Schools Excellence Program to increase the recruitment and retention of school-based mental health services providers, and for other purposes.

## Napolitano, Grace F. (D-CA) – MH Caucus Co-Chair

HR 1109, Mental Health Services for Students Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend projects relating to children and to provide access to school-based comprehensive mental health programs.

### **Porter, Katie (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 5204, Student Mental Health Rights Act: To direct the Secretary of Education to study student mental health at institutions of higher education and to issue guidance on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for mental health and substance use disorder policies of institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

### **Roe, David (R-TN)**

HR 1395, Youth Mental Health Services Act: To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve mental health services for students, and for other purposes.

### **Ryan, Tim (D-OH) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 4221, Teacher Health and Wellness Act: To require the Director of the National Institutes of Health to carry out a study to add to the scientific knowledge on reducing teacher stress and increasing teacher retention and well-being, and for other purposes.

### **Trone, David (D-MD) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 3489, Higher Education Mental Health Act: To authorize the Secretary of Education to establish an Advisory Commission on Serving and Supporting Students with Mental Health Disabilities in Institutions of Higher Education, and for other purposes.

## **SUICIDE PREVENTION**

### **Beyer, Don (D-VA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 4309, Barriers to Suicide Act: To direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program to facilitate the installation, on bridges, of evidence-based suicide deterrents, including suicide prevention nets and barriers, and for other purposes.

HR 4585, Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act: To require the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct a national suicide prevention media campaign, and for other purposes.

### **Brownley, Julia (D-CA)**

HR 4271, Gun Suicide Prevention Act: To prohibit the sale of a firearm unless it carries a warning label that provides the number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

### **DeSaulnier, Mark (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 4353, Suicide Prevention Assistance Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide self-harm and suicide prevention services in primary care offices, and for other purposes.

### **Foster, Bill (D-IL) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 1302, Expanding Opportunities for Recovery Act: To require the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to award grants to expand access to clinically appropriate services for opioid abuse or addiction. States must use these grants to provide up to 60 consecutive days of services to individuals who otherwise would not have access to substance abuse services.

### **Grijalva, Raul (D-AZ) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 1191, Native American Suicide Prevention Act: To amend section 520E of the Public Health Service Act to require States and their designees receiving grants for development and implementation of statewide suicide early intervention and prevention strategies to collaborate with each Federally recognized Indian tribe, tribal organization, urban Indian organization, and Native Hawaiian health care system in the State.

### **Katko, John (R-NY) – MH Caucus Co-Chair**

HR 744, Protecting Our Communities and Rights Act: To provide States with funding to establish new tools to prevent suicide and violence, and for other purposes.

HR 4564, Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act: The bill would:

- Increases authorized funding for the Suicide Prevention Lifeline from \$12 million to \$50 million;
- Requires HHS to develop and implement a plan to increase quality assurance, eliminate call wait times, implement evidence-based practices like follow-up, ensure resources are available to friends and family of those in crisis, create guidelines to carry out periodic testing of the Lifeline;
- Requires increased coordination and data sharing between the Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the CDC;
- Creates a pilot program to research and employ innovative technologies for suicide prevention;
- Requires a study and report to Congress from both HHS and GAO on the plan implemented by HHS to reform the Lifeline as well as other recommendations for improvement to the Lifeline's operations

### **McAdams, Ben (D-UT) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 4704, Advancing Research to Prevent Suicide Act: This bill directs the National Science Foundation to award competitive, merit-reviewed grants to institutions of higher education (or their consortia) to support multidisciplinary, fundamental research with potential relevance to suicide, including potential relevance to prevention and treatment.

### **Peters, Scott (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 7293, STAND UP Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide best practices on student suicide awareness and prevention training and condition State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and tribal educational agencies receiving funds under section 520A of such Act to establish and implement a school-based student suicide awareness and prevention training policy.

HR 2599, Suicide and Threat Assessment Nationally Dedicated to Universal Prevention Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to require State educational agencies and tribal educational agencies receiving funds under section 520A of such Act to establish and implement a school-based student suicide awareness and prevention training policy and school threat assessment team policy, and for other purposes.

### **Rush, Bobby (D-IL)**

HR 4404, Depression Side Effect Labeling Awareness Act: To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that the label of drugs with an increased risk of suicide or depression present such increased risk prominently, and for other purposes.

### **Stewart, Chris (R-UT) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 4194, National Suicide Hotline Designation Act: To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to direct the Federal Communications Commission to designate 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, and for other purposes.



HR 5619, Suicide Prevention Act: To authorize a pilot program to expand and intensify surveillance of self-harm in partnership with State and local public health departments, to establish a grant program to provide self-harm and suicide prevention services in hospital emergency departments, and for other purposes.

#### **Wild, Susan (D-PA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 4327, Enhancing Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act: To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to promote comprehensive campus mental health and suicide prevention plans, and for other purposes.

HR 4428, Greater Mental Health Access Act: To establish a special enrollment period for family members of an individual who has died by suicide, to establish a competitive grant program to provide services and support to friends and family members impacted by an individual's suicide, and for other purposes.

## **TELEHEALTH ACCESS**

#### **Bilirakis, Gus (R-FL) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 5473, EASE Behavioral Health Services Act: To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to provide for Medicare and Medicaid mental and behavioral health treatment through telehealth.

#### **DelBene, Suzan (D-WA)**

HR 1301, Mental Health Telemedicine Expansion Act: To exclude certain mental health telehealth services from specified requirements under Medicare, including originating site requirements.

#### **Matsui, Doris (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 4131, Improving Access to Remote Behavioral Health Treatment Act: To amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify the eligibility of certain community mental health centers to register for purposes of the practice of telemedicine, and for other purposes.

HR 5201, Telemental Health Expansion Act: To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage under the Medicare program of certain mental health telehealth services, and for other purposes.

#### **Trone, David (D-MD) – MH Caucus Member**

\*\*HR 8060, Tele-Mental Health Improvement Act: To require parity in the coverage of mental health and substance use disorder services provided to enrollees in private insurance plans, whether such services are provided in-person or through telehealth.

## **WOMEN'S ISSUES**

#### **Dingell, Debbie (D-MI) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 973, Violence Against Women Health Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for additional programs funded by grants to strengthen the healthcare system's response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and for other purposes.

#### **Waters, Maxine (D-CA)**

HR 4182, Women Veterans Support Act: To improve the efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs to prevent suicide by women veterans, and for other purposes.

## **WORKFORCE**

### **Chu, Judy (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 884, Medicare Mental Health Access Act: To expand the definition of “physician,” for purposes of the Medicare program, to include a clinical psychologist with respect to the furnishing of qualified psychologist services.

### **Katko, John (R-NY) – MH Caucus Co-Chair**

HR 2431, Mental Health Professionals Workforce Shortage Loan Repayment Act: To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program for mental health professionals to relieve workforce shortages, and for other purposes.

### **Schneider, Brad (D-IL)**

HR 2439, Opioid Workforce Act: To increase the number of residency positions eligible for graduate medical education payments under Medicare for hospitals that have addiction or pain management programs, with an aggregate increase of 1,000 positions over a five-year period.

### **Thompson, Mike (D-CA) – MH Caucus Member**

HR 945, Mental Health Access Improvement Act: To provide for coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under Medicare. It also excludes such services from the skilled nursing facility prospective payment system and authorizes marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors to develop discharge plans for post-hospital services.