

**Mental Health Commission**  
**Legislative Update**  
**February 11, 2015**

**Community Mental Health Liaisons**

**SB 426** Sen. Parson – Community Mental Health Liaisons (CMHL) were approved by the General Assembly and Governor in the FY 2014 budget. To date there have been more than 14,000 contacts between CMHLs, law enforcement and the courts with 7,500 referrals to mental health services. This legislation would allow the CMHL access to information from court and facilities about individuals they are serving. This will assist the liaison in providing appropriate follow-up and coordination of care to these individuals. Rep. Wood will file in the House.

**Prescription Drug Monitoring**

**HB 130** Rep. Rehder; **SB 63** Sen. Sater; **SB 111** Sen. Schaaf – The three bills each establish a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Missouri is the only state without such a program and there is widespread support among legislators for such a program. DMH is supportive of two of the bills. Dr. Stanislaus testified for HB 130 at the House hearing on Feb. 4. SB 63 and SB 111 were heard this morning.

**Psychologist on Mental Health Commission**

**HB 90** Rep. Berry; **SB 58** Sen. Dixon – These bills include the provision to allow a psychologist or other licensed clinician, in addition to a physician, to fill the spot on the Mental Health Commission as an expert in developmental disabilities. Both bills have received hearings.

**Dates of Interest**

**Feb. 17** – Mental Health Rally at the Capitol  
**March 19 – 30** Legislative Spring Break  
**April 6** – Easter Break  
**May 8** – Appropriation Bills TAFP  
**May 15** – Session Ends