

Session 2018 & Onward – 2019



Surplus in the Budget (\$329M) and Deficit in Momentum (no agreements)

Priorities failed to draw a consensus response:

- Opioid crisis (no agreement on funding)
- Elder abuse (no agreement on policy)
- Long list of other items – bonding, taxes, environment....

Amazing agreement around

- School safety – with great and resounding emphasis on children’s mental health via **school linked mental health**



Great QPI and AspireMN story

Foster Sibling Bill of Rights & supporting the MN Youth Leadership Council to their great success

Fabulous media coverage – including article on QPI this Sat!

- MOFAS – additional hour of FAS training for foster parents
- MAPCY – changes to the tool to better reflect cultural differences

Senate discussions on child welfare issues – big picture questions on how to solve disparities, county funding, & workforce (training academy!) issues.



Top AspireMN Agenda Items – in the supplemental

Children's Residential Mental Health Funding (Rep Backer, Sen Relph)

** very helpful and positive media coverage upon the announcement of IMD designation with:

- KSTP coverage
- Star Tribune – Chris Sears story
- Star Tribune Editorial
- MN Public Radio story

Significant partnerships with MACSSA/Hennepin & NAMI



In the Supplemental

- School Linked Mental Health – additional \$5M in 2019 and in the tails (future budget years) in the education budget
- Mental Health Parity Workgroup – funded at \$75,000
- Homeless Youth Report
- Task Force on Childhood Trauma



MH Workforce Changes Passed

- **Changes to Qualifying Routes for Mental Health Rehabilitation Workers and Mental Health Practitioners, Chapter 128**
- Legislation was passed into law this session that adds additional qualifying routes for individuals working as a Mental Health Rehab Worker or Mental Health Practitioner.
- For the role of Mental Health Rehabilitation Worker, in addition to the basic requirements applicable to this position, under this new law an individual can qualify through a broadened list of educational experiences, a broadened list of field/life experiences, or through an apprenticeship position. This apprenticeship position is only allowed in Crisis Residential, IRTS, Partial Hospitalization, and Day Treatment service settings, and involves specific supervision, review and co-charting, and continuing education requirements.
- For the role of Mental Health Practitioner, under this new law an individual can qualify through a broadened list of educational experiences, a broadened list of relevant coursework experiences, or through a broadened list of work experiences.
- Additionally, for both of these positions, “behavioral sciences or related fields” is further clarified as “an education from an accredited college or university and includes but is not limited to social work, psychology, sociology, community counseling, family social science, child development, child psychology, community mental health, addiction counseling, counseling and guidance, special education, and other fields as approved by the commissioner.”



Success in Bonding & Affordable Housing

\$35M in new Housing Infrastructure Bonds - nonprofit housing bonds

\$28.1M for Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities

\$30M on Permanent Supportive Housing

\$10M in Public Housing Preservation



Items that **ALMOST** made it

CASCW Child Welfare Training Academy

County Child Protection Funding Formula

African American Disparities Working Group

NEMT language (supplemental, AspireMN proposal)



An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Medicaid Work Requirements

Applying SNAP (food stamps) asset test



For Immediate Consideration

Children's Intensive Mental Health Continuum – research and contributions (deadline NOT extended, due in Nov)

Seeking a Special Session (snow in July?)

Elections engagement (SAVE July 26, 1-3 pm, Wilder)

Local candidate engagement & site visits



UPCOMING ITEMS TO NOTE

July 10 – Henn Co SoC Focus Group, 2-3 at AspireMN offices
(4th FI Conf Room)

July 24-25 – QPI events (metro location TBA)

July 26 – Gubernatorial candidate event

Sept 12 – QPI retreat continues – Madden's

Sept 13-14 – AspireMN Leadership Retreat, Madden's

Oct 8-9 – Youth Worker Conference, Cragun's



2019 Priorities

Rate Increase & Rate Methodology – Mercer Rate Study to be published and reported to the legislature in June

Uniform Standards for Mental Health

Convening further study – transportation options for children

Care & Treatment – get the band back together

Foster Care Youth (& Parent?) Bill of Rights

Driver's Insurance Pool for Youth in Care



2019 Priorities

Children's Residential Funding

Children's Intensive Continuum – package

For greater discussion:

- Response to workforce need – board engagement on licensing exams, clarification on clinical trainees
- Your Items!

