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State Government Affairs Update

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Current Government Landscape
Executive Branch

- Governor (Executive Office)
- State Departments/ Agencies
  - MI Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
    ~ Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA)
    ~ Medical Services Administration (Medicaid)
MDHHS Leadership Team

- Elizabeth Hertel – Director
- David Knezek – Chief Deputy for Administration
- Joneigh Khaldun, MD – Chief Medical Executive
- Allen Jansen – Deputy Director, BHDDA
- Kate Massey – Senior Deputy Director, MSA (Medicaid)
- Emily Schwarzkopf – Director of Legislative, Appropriations, and Constituent Services
Legislative Branch

- 148 elected members
  - 110 Representatives
  - 38 Senators
- Year-round (full-time) Legislature
- Two-year session schedule
- 101st Legislature (2020 - 2021) began on January 1, 2021 and will end on December 31, 2022
Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
Legislative Branch

• Term Limits
  - State House – 3 terms of 2 years each (6 years)
  - State Senate – 2 terms of 4 years each (8 years)
  = 14-year lifetime limit

  ▪ Term limits approved in 1992 by constitutional amendment, affecting lawmakers sworn in after January 1, 1993

  ▪ Michigan’s legislative term limits are among the strictest in the nation

  ▪ Benefits and pitfalls
2021-2022 Legislature

• New House Members - 28
• New House Leadership
• Senate Vacancies
• New Committees
• Committee Process
Current Political Landscape
Current Political Composition of the Legislature

- **20 – 16** Republican majority in Senate (2 vacant seats)
  - Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey
  - Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich

- **58 – 52** Republican majority in House
  - House Speaker Jason Wentworth
  - House Democrat Leader Donna Laskinski
Redistricting

- Republican Majorities Controlled Redistricting Process in 2011
- In 2018, voters approved proposal 2 that allowed for the creation of an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
- New maps drawn in 2021, based on data from 2020 census
State Budget Update
- FY 21 Supplementals
  ~December Stimulus
  ~American Rescue Plan Act
- FY 22 Budget Process
- May Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference

✓ July 1 Statutory Deadline
✓ September 30 end of FY
American Rescue Plan Act – State Leadership Priorities

- Childhood, K-12 Education
- Foster Care, Mental Health Supports
- Infrastructure

$6+ billion discretionary

Agreement
American Rescue Plan Act – Arc Priorities

- Types of HCBS Services
- MI Choice Expansion
- Food & Community Programs
- Direct Care Workers
- CCBHC
FY 22 Budget

- MI Choice Waiver Slots
- Direct Care Workers
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Autism Navigators
- KB v Lyon
- Behavioral Health Homes
- Mental Health Block Grant
- Medicaid Funding
May CREC Highlights

- Impact of federal stimulus
- Revenues exceeding expectations
- Budget surplus

“I haven’t seen anything like this before.” – Mary Ann Cleary, Director of House Fiscal Agency
FY 22 Budget
Current Legislative Issues
COVID-19 Recovery

Election Reform

Behavioral Health Reform

Law Enforcement Reform

Health Care Transparency & Access

The Arc Michigan

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Effective Advocacy
Cast a Wide Net

- Include both legislative and executive branches
- Regulatory Advocacy
  - MDHHS
- Legislative Advocacy
  - Bipartisan
  - Bicameral
Strategies & Tactics

- Pro-active & reactive
- Strategic and properly-timed
- Build a brand/familiarity first
The Foundation

- Relationship-building
  - Campaign Support
  - Coffee Hours (even virtual!)
  - Events

- Message
- Timing
- Consistency
Meetings in Lansing 101

- Step 1: Prepare
  - Research the Lawmaker, Issues

- Step 2: Reflect
  - Your position
  - What’s your story?
Meetings in Lansing 101

- Dress code
- Flexibility
- Punctuality
- Friendly to staff
- Personal connections
- Stay on message
- Brevity
- Make the ask
Follow Up

- Hand-written note, if possible
- Send any documents or background that were promised
- Establish consistency and continuity
Resources

- National Conference of State Legislatures: https://www.ncsl.org/
- State Budget Office: https://www.michigan.gov/budget/
- Senate Fiscal Agency Publications: https://www.senate.michigan.gov/sfa/
Thank you!

Questions?

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