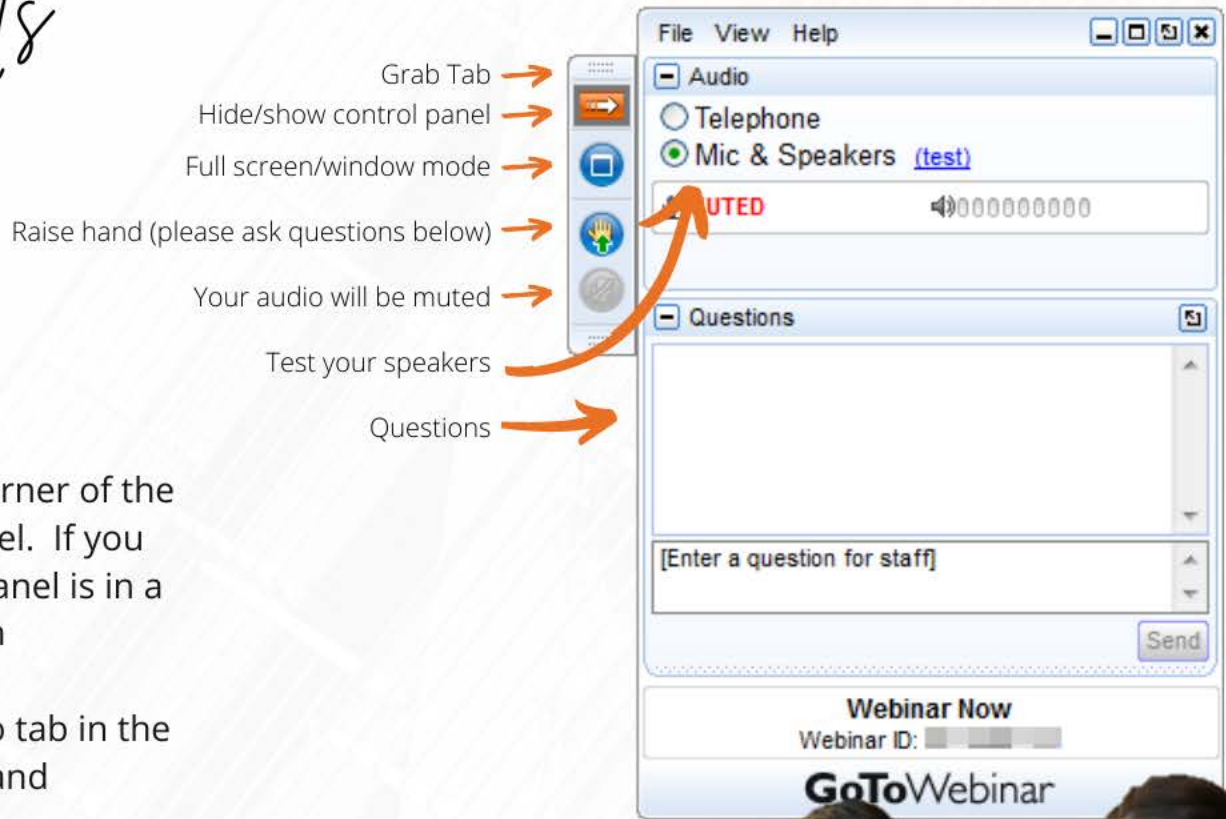


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What's Happening in Lansing & How to be an Effective Advocate

Christin Nohner — June 10, 2022

RWC Advocacy is Now McCall Hamilton

- On May 2, our firm's name changed to McCall Hamilton after Eva McCall Hamilton - the first woman elected to the Michigan Legislature, serving in the Michigan Senate from 1921 – 1922
- A pioneer of her time, Senator McCall Hamilton's work in driving positive change in the policy arena aligns with our firm's core mission and values, and the work we do both for our clients and others in Michigan who allow us to amplify their voices.
- Reflects importance of active engagement in the policy-making arena to drive positive change for the betterment of Michigan.



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Current Michigan Government Landscape

Executive & Legislative Branches



Executive Branch

- Governor (Executive Office)
- Key State Departments/Agencies
 - MI Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS)
 - Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration (BPHASA)
 - Bureau of Children's Coordinated Health Policy and Supports
 - Michigan Department of Education



MDHHS Leadership Team

- Elizabeth Hertel – Director
- David Knezek – Chief Deputy for Administration
- Lindsay McLaughlin – Bureau of Children’s Health Policy and Supports
- Natasha Bagdasarian, MD – Chief Medical Executive
- Farah Hanley – Chief Deputy for Health
- George Mellos, MD – Senior Executive Psych Director, State Hospital Administration
- Vacancy – Senior Deputy Director, Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration (Medicaid Director)
- Jeff Wieferich – State Bureau Administrator, Bureau of Community-Based Services
- Ramiro Galvin – Director of Legislative, Appropriations, and Constituent Services



New Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

- Formerly the Health and Aging Services Administration
- Oversee community-based services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, serious mental illness and substance use disorders
- Medicaid
- Aging Services
- Absorbed many of the functions of the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA)

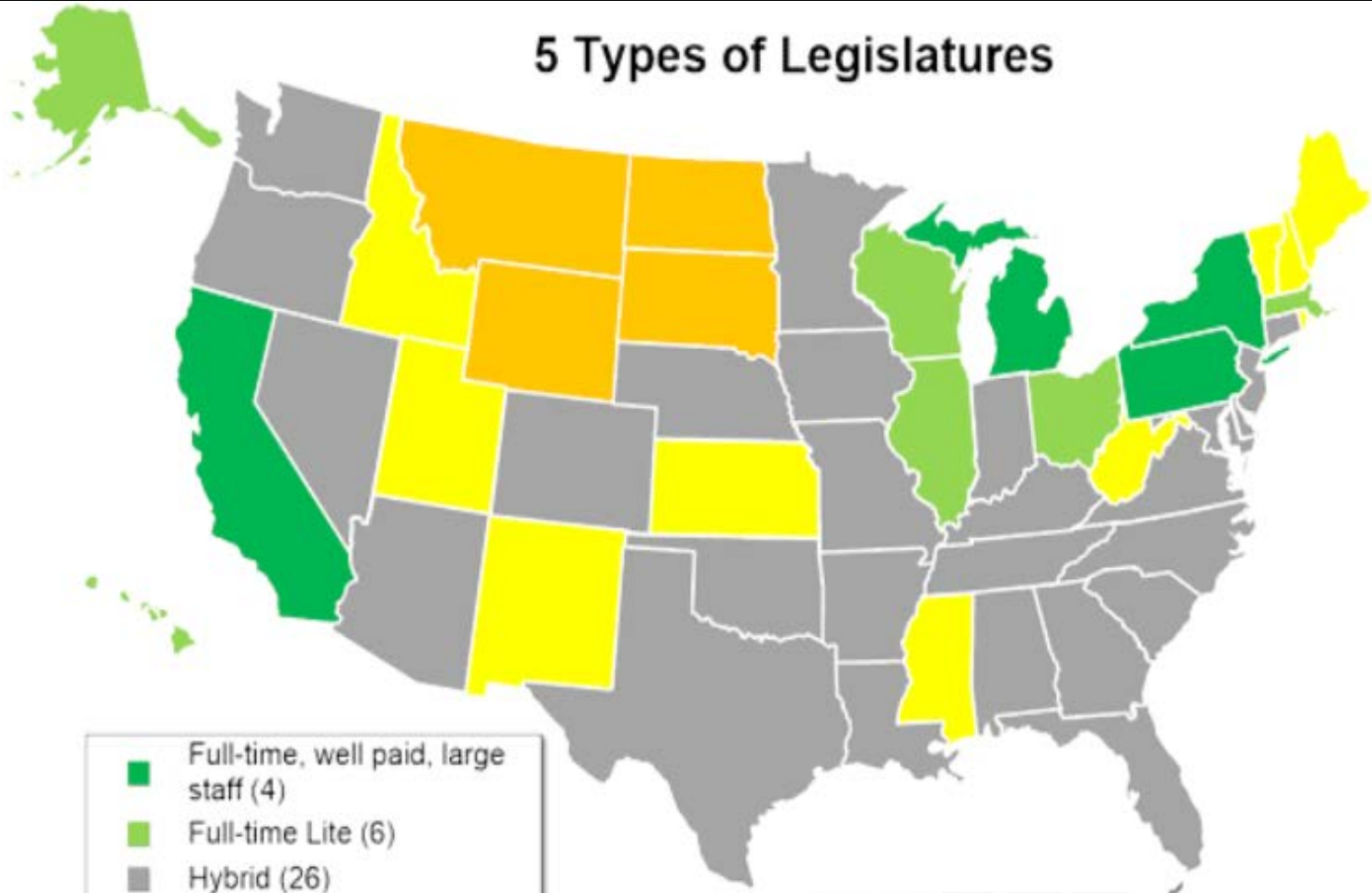


What Happened to the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA)?

- Moved to different administrations and divisions to “improve coordination of service and leverage expertise in these areas”
- The new structure aims to prioritize the improvement of behavioral health services and quality of care, as well as access to those services, including workforce development, and contract enforcement and management
- “MDHHS will have one voice regarding policy development related to adult physical/behavioral health services, which are now located in one department”



5 Types of Legislatures



- Full-time, well paid, large staff (4)
- Full-time Lite (6)
- Hybrid (26)
- Part-time Lite (10)
- Part time, low pay, small staff (4)

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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
- Efforts to change



Current Political Landscape



2021-2022 Legislature

- 22 – 16 Republican majority in Senate
 - Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey
 - Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich
- 57 – 53 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 for 2022 election
 - Chestnut (congressional)
 - Linden (State Senate)
 - Hickory (State House)
- Lawmakers moving districts, moving chambers
- Lawsuits



2022 Election

- August 2, 2022 – Primary Election
- November 8, 2022 – General Election
- Everyone in state government is on the ballot
 - Gubernatorial & Statewide Offices
 - State Senate/House
 - Congressional Delegation



State Budget Update



State Budget Process

Fiscal Year Runs October 1 – September 30

- January Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference
- Executive Budget Recommendation
- Legislative Subcommittee Deliberation and Reports
- Full Committee/Chamber Passage/Procedural Steps to Tee Up for Conference
- May Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference
- Target meetings
- Conference Committees
- July 1 Statutory Deadline



State Budget Update

- Ongoing trend of higher-than-expected revenues
- Federal stimulus
- Rosy picture...for now



State Budget Update

FY 23 Executive Recommendation

- Direct Care Worker Bonuses (*\$135 million General Fund (GF)*)
- Mental Health Supports in Schools (*Governor recommendation: \$361 million *new investment**)
- Loan Repayment for Behavioral Health Professionals (*\$25 million GF*)
- Design and construction of new psych hospital (*\$325 million GF*)
- Inpatient community-based mental health services (*\$29 million Gross*)
- Behavioral health homes expansion (*\$26.4 million Gross, \$2.5 million GF*)



State Budget Update

Arc Priorities

- Direct Care Worker Wages (*Arc ask: \$127 million General Fund (GF)*)
- Special Education Supports for Youth in Foster Care (*Arc ask: \$2 million GF*)
- Medicaid
- Special Education Funding



State Budget Update

Other Priorities

- Dental Program Redesign & Outpatient Hospitals/Ambulatory Surgical Center rate increase (*\$247.6 million Gross, \$69.8 million GF*)
- Title V (Maternal and Child Health Block Grant) & Title X (Family Planning) (*Legislature-proposed funding shift*)
- Behavioral Health Supports in Schools (*Governor recommendation: \$361 million *new investment**)
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics & Behavioral Health Homes



Current Legislative Issues



Legislative Issues – Arc Priorities

- Behavioral Health Reform
- Health Care Transparency and Access
- Freedom to Work
- Guardianship
- Any legislation impacting persons with disabilities



Effective Advocacy



Influencing Government

- Money (ie Campaign Contributions)
- People (Grassroots)
- Personal/Political Agenda



Cast a Wide Net

- Include both legislative and executive branches
- Regulatory Advocacy
 - MDHHS
 - Executive Office of the Governor
- Legislative Advocacy
 - Bipartisan
 - Bicameral



Strategies and 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

- 100th Legislature – Citizen’s Guide to State Government: <http://legislature.mi.gov/Publications/CitizensGuide.pdf>
- National Conference of State Legislatures: <https://www.ncsl.org/>
- Michigan Constitution: <http://legislature.mi.gov/Publications/MIConstitution.pdf>
- State Budget Office <https://www.michigan.gov/budget/>
- House Fiscal Agency Publications: <https://www.house.mi.gov/hfa/home.asp>
- Senate Fiscal Agency Publications: <https://www.senate.michigan.gov/sfa/>



Thank You. Questions?

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The Arc Michigan Executive Director / CEO & Project Coordinators
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