

Summary of MHANYS Advocacy Issues for 2020

<u>Advocacy Issue</u>	<u>Legislative Objective</u>
1. Funding for Nonprofit Human Service Providers.....	3% funding increase for the next 5 years for human service agencies
2. Housing: “Bring it Home: Better Funding for Better Care”	Additional funding to support adequate community-based housing
3. Community Investment.....	Support reinvestment funds in the Executive Budget Support for additional counties & Veteran’s Public Awareness Campaign
4. Medication Access.....	Assure the preservation of “prescriber prevails” statute
5. School Mental Health Resource and Training Center.....	Renewed funding
6. Mental Health Training for School Personnel.....	Introduce a new bill mandating mental health training for school personnel
7. Enhanced School-based Mental Health Services.....	Funding of several enhancements for schools to support more school social workers and therapeutic after-school mental health services
8. Mental Health Leave Policies for Primary/Secondary Schools.....	Support “mental health days” legislation
9. Suicide Prevention.....	Urge lawmakers to support S.7138-A/A.9032-A
10. Whole Health Equity for Colleges.....	Develop advocacy agenda/engage college students
11. Supporting Mental Health Literacy.....	Funding for MHFA – all versions
12. Crisis Intervention Teams.....	Expansion of programs beyond counties that have CIT
13. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).....	Seek legislative interventions to increase public awareness about ACEs and support trauma-based care initiatives
14. Responding to COVID-19 Collective Trauma.....	Promote legislation for trauma informed resources for healthcare and mental healthcare workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
15. Veterans and Military Families.....	Renewed funding to continue the Joseph Dwyer Peer to Peer Project.
16. Geriatric Mental Health.....	Advocate for an increase in funding for Demonstrations Grants \$2m to \$4m and a call for a legislative hearing(s) addressing geriatric mental health
17. Discrimination Against Parents with Psychiatric Disabilities.....	Eliminate subdivision 6 of §384-b of Social Services Law
18. Helping People with Addiction Disorders.....	Increase access to services for people with gambling addictions
19. Criminal Justice: Medicaid Upon Release.....	Seek administrative and/or legislative remedies to expedite Medicaid reimbursement for incarcerated individuals upon release from jail or prison
20. Mental Health Parity.....	The Legislature should continue to support parity initiatives and support resources to insure individuals are not denied benefits unnecessarily or unlawfully.
21. Adult Home Reform.....	MHANYS calls for increased legislative engagement and oversight and should expand the role of the Justice Center to include adult homes under 90 beds.