## Summary of MHANYS Advocacy Issues for 2021

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<td>3% funding increase for the next 5 years for human service agencies</td>
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<td>Promote legislation for trauma informed resources for healthcare and Mental healthcare workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic</td>
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<td>4. Housing: “Bring it Home: Better Funding for Better Care”.......................</td>
<td>Additional funding to support adequate community-based housing</td>
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<td>5. Community Investment..............................................................................</td>
<td>Support reinvestment funds in the Executive Budget</td>
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<td>6. Mental Health Information and Resources in the Workplace.......................</td>
<td>Seek Executive and/or Legislative support for 1) mental health postings in the workplace; and, 2) voluntary guidelines in the workplace</td>
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<td>7. Medication Access....................................................................................</td>
<td>Assure the preservation of “prescriber prevails” statute; and, pursue an Executive order for pharmacist administered long-acting injectables</td>
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<td>8. School Mental Health Resource and Training Center..................................</td>
<td>Renewed funding</td>
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<td>9. Mental Health Training for School Personnel.........................................</td>
<td>Introduce a new bill mandating mental health training for school personnel</td>
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<td>10. Enhanced School-based Mental Health Services.......................................</td>
<td>Funding of several enhancements for schools to support more school social workers and therapeutic after-school mental health services</td>
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<td>11. Mental Health Leave Policies for Primary/Secondary Schools.....................</td>
<td>Support “mental health days” legislation</td>
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<td>12. Suicide Prevention..................................................................................</td>
<td>Urge lawmakers to support S.7138-A/A.9032-A</td>
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<td>13. Whole Health Equity and Mental Health Literacy for Colleges...................</td>
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<td>Expansion of programs beyond counties that have CIT</td>
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<td>Seek legislative interventions to increase public awareness about ACEs and support trauma-based care initiatives</td>
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<td>20. Helping People with Addiction Disorders..............................................</td>
<td>Increase access to services for people with gambling addictions</td>
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<td>21. Criminal Justice: Medicaid Upon Release.............................................</td>
<td>Seek administrative and/or legislative remedies to expedite Medicaid reimbursement for incarcerated individuals upon release from jail or prison</td>
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<td>22. Mental Health Parity...............................................................................</td>
<td>The Legislature should continue to support parity initiatives to insure individuals are not denied benefits unnecessarily or unlawfully.</td>
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<td>23. Adult Home Reform..................................................................................</td>
<td>MHANYS calls for increased legislative engagement and oversight and should expand the role of the Justice Center to include adult homes under 90 beds.</td>
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