

General Session: The Road Ahead: Preparing for the 90th Legislative Session

Respondents: 116

	Average	5 - Strongly Agree	4 - Somewhat Agree	3 - Neither Agree Nor Disagree	2 - Somewhat Disagree	1 - Strongly Disagree
Indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: Overall, this session met my educational needs.	4.65	87	19	8	2	0
Indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: There was enough time spent on the subject matter.	4.71	89	20	7	0	0
Indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: The speakers were informative and kept my attention.	4.68	89	19	6	2	0

	Average	5 - Excellent	4 - Very Good	3 - Good	2 - Fair	1 - Poor
Rate the presenter's competence and effectiveness: Lee Johnson	4.72	91	17	8	0	0
Rate the presenter's competence and effectiveness: Kelsey Bernstein	4.74	92	18	6	0	0
Rate the presenter's competence and effectiveness: Eva DeLuna Castro	4.73	93	17	5	0	1

Please describe how your knowledge has changed regarding the learning objectives listed.
I always learn so much from Eva.
I did not know all of this information and glad to now be exposed to this
Better understanding of legislation

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I received a plethora of information
More legislative knowledge
Understanding state funding better and what the budgets look like from different angles
Helped to understand how politics affects our budgets
Helpful insights into the allocation of state and local funds.
Where we are with the current budget and legislative process.
More awareness of what is currently going on.
Learned about the state budget and advocacy process
Stated budget
Better understanding of the budget and the process
I have a better understanding of our fiscal landscape and policy updates.
better understanding of budget practices
Improved.
learning about the budget
All good
State decision and budget process.
Better advocacy with legislators
The budget and legislative processes were de-mystified
Increased knowledge of legislative
Great information about the budget of Texas and what gets allocated to mental health
Better understanding of state budget process
More knowledgeable of state budget
understanding more on the complexity of the political landscape in regards to whats changing.
The need for advocacy for mental health services.
I liked listening
Always helpful
More legislature
Learned more about the budget
I am inspired to learn more about the budgeting processes and reinvigorated to continue my civic duties!
More knowledgeable about how finances are distributed for mental health.
Great
Honestly most of that was new to me, so I learned a lot about the budget and where the money is allocated
Insight into budget and needs
happy to see actual numbers in data capturing.
Learned about funding stage and federal
Taught me another about the budget
I was a let to see how funding is split and where it comes from
The budget
Wonderful insights were shared! I love all of the detailed information about the past and future funding strategies and initiatives being done to protect MH and IDD funding.
Took away just what our state budget goes into and the entire process
Local LIDDA are still under funded
Learned a lot about the budget.
The presentation was interesting, but not very relevant for non-executives.
The budget

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Legislative and funding updates were helpful
GOOD TRAINING. KELSEY IS ENTERTAINING AND KEPT MY ATTENTION
Lots of information
It was enlightening. I appreciate learning about the political side of things
Was very unaware of a majority of the information shared, greatly appreciate it.
For the better
Level of awareness
Great insight into budget and legislature
knowledge of budget process
Information shared was interesting
More informed on the budget
A lot more info
Increased
this session is always interesting!
understanding the trickle-down effect of moving the money or reducing funding in some areas.
Better understanding of state budget
Preparation for 90th lege
learning about all the different policies and procedures
Very well presented
I need to pay close attention to TX politics.
Always good to hear the legislative updates and get a peek behind the curtains.
Budget and legislation are complicated, and having someone narrow it down to what is relevant to our field and how is helpful.
Learned about the sunset committee and it was so educational! Learned a lot.
gave me a better understanding with the legalities of funding
I learned there are new projects developing regarding mental health.
Better understanding of state budgeting
better understanding of upcoming state budget and legislation
I understand more about funding roadblocks now!
better budget knowledge
Increased awareness of the complexities of the legislative process and budget
The information was very helpful in knowing where budget needs are going to be met/not met.
I do have a better idea of what topics will be considered at the next Legislative session and how BH has been impacted by their decisions in the past.
I learned more about the State budget.
Many funds/grants are still available, however, with many more strings attached.
updates helpful
I learned that the presenters were very knowledgeable
enhanced my knowledge and understanding
I was previously not educated much in the area of state budget and learned a great deal na
Learned how finances shape what we can do about MH accommodations

As a result of attending this activity, what new skill or idea will you implement into your job or practice within the next six months?
Reaching out to representatives and staffers.

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Maybe. It a new skill but I will be more aware how important voting is and thinking creatively about our services with the money we have now
None
pay attention to funding
None
Advocating with my CEO on children needs
Over helps with understanding program funding and how it impacts things locally , sharing information with team and having different conversations around funding
Ad a supervisor below program management, it is difficult to know how it'll apply within my role but as a Texas voter it will affect how I step up to advocate
Mindfulness of budgetary issues impacting our services
Looking at bills under review and the Sunset Commission
I will seek out more knowledge on this subject.
I will have conversations with my local legislators
which state Rep needs to be contacted to discuss MH budgets
Do more research on how to help advocate
I will be a bit more prepared for sunset review.
where the money goes and how it will impact our system
All
Continue educating and increasing collaborations.
Advocacy
I will become a more effective advocate
Educate staff
Call representatives
Better able to talk to legislators
advocating
Educating the staff that I supervise about the road ahead.
No comment
Keep working
Networking
Learned about the budget
Yes
Educate coworkers about what I've learned.
Great
I don't do much with budgets, but being able to understand things will help me support my staff better.
Advocacy
Havana greater awareness of the funding system and how it affects our grant funded and federal funded programs full.
Changes will be coming so be prepared for it.
Just knowing about the budget will help me in addressing legislators
None exactly
Some
Share info with my supervisor
We will carry this information forward into our budget discussions
Be more vocal and discuss the matters that impact our community and how improving budgets would also improve our communities
VOTE!!!

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Pay more attention to what is happening in our state.
No impact.
Share info with my supervisor
share knowledge regarding funding concerns with my local representatives
JUST KNOW WHAT IS COMING
I will better understand how things work
More understanding of how and where money is funded and is distributed
Meeting with legislators to discuss MHID issues in Nueces county
Continued discussions around budget
connect with legislators if possible
Will follow legislative issues closer
Not sure yet
none
no other than understanding the implications legislature has
Not sure
Discussions on how to support with limited resources
maybe one of two things
Greater understanding
I plan to pay close attention to TX politics.
Follow up
I will be better able to explain to community members why certain things are changing with services due to legislation and funding.
State budget talks
i don't know
There is always the thought that policy makers do not care about mental health or substance use. It is assuring to know that there are people behind the scenes who are working on behalf of the mental health system and its consumers.
Better able to follow the hot topics in the upcoming legislative session.
Adjusting support provided to our local legislator
wanting to tell our story to our representatives!
Continue to work closely with our CFO to be as fiscally responsible for current funding in preparation for the upcoming state budget.
No new skill/idea will be implemented at this time.
The staff member responsible for legislative updates and connections at our center is highly capable and active. I will assist her however necessary, but I will leave any new implementation to that department.
None
To critically review policy and to follow who has access to funds/grants (overall trend).
Knowledge
If I have questions, I will reach out to the presenters
continued conversations with stakeholders

What topics would you like to see presented at future activities?
Leadership coaching
Children related
More of the same. Love this session!
Continued information about policy that may impact us.
Just a bit more breakdown of the topics as it can be confusing depending what's being discussed

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all
Trauma informed care
None
Maybe more discussion about rural mental health.
No comment
Ongoing legislation
Audit cost
Details per center
Great
Developing housing programs with no funding. How to be creative in smaller centers- where we don't get a bulk of the money and how other smaller centers are overcoming barriers vs the larger more funded centers.
more substance use disorder supplementation presentations would be nice and what practices are being followed for evidence-based modules most commonly effective.
Anything educational
Peer Services
Not sure
Some
Program budget and financial strategies, or other options for non-executives.
NEED THIS EVERYTIME
How we as LMHA's can lobby for change on a government level
Getting families and clients involved en masse to inform and pressure legislators into seriously looking at the state of idd services and funding in Texas.
Same
More sunset information
it was good
No suggestions
Not sure
How to advocate with local stakeholders
nothing it was great!
I appreciate this topic every year.
More on autism. De- escalation techniques.
Important issues in Crisis funding
Client rights training
Approaches to lobbying from middle management
more of the same
More information on budget, billing, documentation and processes to be streamlined throughout all LMHA/LBHAs and LIDDAs -
UM guidelines/ICW
Augmented Intelligence in Clinical Practice
Autism
Updates with licensing boards (Social Work, LPC, LMFT), what jobs clinicians can apply to that are non-traditional.
Something more applicable to front-line leaders, such as Trauma Wise Leadership and Coaching
none at this time

Other Comments (Optional)	
Please send out the PowerPoint from this session	

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No comment
Try Hank's
wonderful Council conference can't wait to come again.
None
it was great! I always LOVE this session. But it's also always bad news, so maybe not the best last thing...?