

**SENATE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services  
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Thursday, June 16, 2016  
PLACE: Senate Chamber  
CHAIR: Senator Charles Schwertner

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The Committee will meet to consider the following interim charges:

- Study and make recommendations on establishing collaborative partnerships between state-owned mental health hospitals and university health science centers to improve inpatient state mental health services, maximize the state mental health workforce, and reduce healthcare costs.
- Study the impact of recent efforts by the legislature to divert individuals with serious mental illness from criminal justice settings and prevent recidivism. Study and make recommendations to address the state's ongoing need for inpatient forensic capacity, including the impact of expanding community inpatient psychiatric beds.
- Study and make recommendations on the appropriate use, scope and application of tele-monitoring and telemedicine services to improve management and outcomes for adults and children with complex medical needs and for persons confined in correctional facilities. Examine barriers to implementation of these services and any impact on access to health care services in rural areas of the state.

Individuals wishing to provide public testimony will be allowed to speak for 3 minutes total on any of the above charges.

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