

Mental Health Reform Act of 2015



Held over a dozen mental health roundtables in Connecticut to discuss the challenges facing the mental health system. Met with hundreds of mental health providers, advocates, patients and families to listen to their ideas and feedback.



Introduced the bipartisan Mental Health Reform Act in August, with Republican Senator Bill Cassidy of Louisiana. It is the only comprehensive mental health reform bill in the Senate.



Built bipartisan support for the Mental Health Reform Act from across the political spectrum. The legislation has seven Republican cosponsors and seven Democratic cosponsors.

Sen. Bill Cassidy [R-LA]
Sen. Susan Collins [R-ME]
Sen. David Vitter [R-LA]
Sen. John Boozman [R-AR]
Sen. Shelley Moore Capito [R-WV]
Sen. Lisa Murkowski [R-AK]
Sen. Kelly Ayotte [R-NH]

Sen. Chris Murphy [D-CT]
Sen. Richard Blumenthal [D-CT]
Sen. Debbie Stabenow [D-MI]
Sen. Al Franken [D-MN]
Sen. Amy Klobuchar [D-MN]
Sen. Chuck Schumer [D-NY]
Sen. Elizabeth Warren [D-MA]



Sen. Murphy has spoken to major mental health associations, including Mental Health America, the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



Pushed for the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee to hold the first hearing on the mental health system since 2013. Another hearing is planned for January 2016.

NAMI is pleased with the progress in the Senate on legislation to enact comprehensive reforms to our public mental health system which continues to fail too many people living with mental illness and their families S 1945, bipartisan legislation introduced by Senators Murphy and Cassidy, heads in to 2016 with strong momentum - 14 bipartisan cosponsors and the promise of hearings and a mark-up in the Senate HELP Committee. As the nation's largest organization representing people with serious mental illness and their families, NAMI is proud to support this important legislation.

— Mary Giliberti, Executive Director,
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Garnered support from key outside organizations, including:

- American Medical Association
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- National Council for Behavioral Health
- National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
- American Psychological Association
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Clinical Social Work Association
- American Psychiatric Association
- National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems
- Adventist HealthCare
- Sandy Hook Promise
- The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.
- National Association of Social Workers
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- Trinity Health and Saint Francis Care
- National Latina/o Psychological Association
- Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
- The Association of Black Psychologists, Inc.
- Society of Hospital Medicine
- Ascension Health
- Catholic Health Association of the United States