

#### Additional information to provide to groups:

- Rory has had 2 conversations with a VP for State and Federal Advocacy at MHA. The first took place on June 8<sup>th</sup>. (A quick fyi about an upcoming vacancy for her position. Nothing else.) The second took place last week via phone. More details provided about the position and resume was sent.
- Mental Health America is a grantee of AMH.
- They are a partner in a cooperative agreement involving data collection and analysis using their AMH funded Online Mental Health Screening Program
- They sponsor an annual conference each year. Rory spoke at and attended their most recent conference June 6-10.

#### About Mental Health America

Mental Health America is the nation's leading national nonprofit dedicated to the promotion of mental health, well-being, and illness prevention. Our work is informed, designed, and led by the lived experience of those most affected.

Operating nationally and in communities across the country, Mental Health America advocates for closing the mental health equity gap while increasing nationwide awareness and understanding through public education, direct services, tools, and research. Our annual State of Mental Health in America report is among the most widely respected health reports in the nation.

#### Job Description for MHA:

##### Exec VP, State and Federal Advocacy, Mental Health America

- Provides expertise on a wide range of topics in behavioral health to local, state and federal policymakers
- Works with national legislator groups as topic expert
- Provides background and is critical spokesperson for MHA with the media
- Provides leadership for grassroots and legislative advocacy across the MHA affiliate network
- Coordinates the efforts of the Regional Policy Council (RPC), which focuses on state-level initiatives for equal access to behavioral health care, a full continuum of treatment and services, criminal justice diversion, and the value of prevention and early intervention