

## **Report Out from LWVWA Action Workshop (Dec. 10, 2022) – Health Care Session – April May**

Many good things to look for coming up this session:

### Health and Behavioral health care 12/10/22

- SB5142 Dental Therapist will come up again. There will be a new sponsor.
- HB1047 Requires coverage for hearing instruments for children and adolescents.
- Dental stipends to encourage dentists to take Medicaid payment.

### Reproductive Health new for 2023:

- Protection of personal data
  - My health my data bill – protecting data of pregnant women using crisis centers.
- Protection for healthcare providers from legal attacks
  - We are supporting the shield law that is a request from the attorney general to protect patients and providers from out of state prosecution.
- Substantial funding packet request for abortion related services
  - 40 million dollars to be requested to fund
- A request for a constitutional amendment

### Behavioral Health Legislation to look for in the upcoming session

- Continuum of care gaps. Integration of behavioral health with primary care settings.
- Crisis centers that are less than 23 hours. Case management is engaged to create a plan. To relieve the burden on the ER and law enforcement.
- Treatment resources for youth “stuck” in the hospital who need transitional resources.

### Other Legislative to look for

- The Universal Health Care committee will continue its work. They will be looking at what OR is doing as OR is making great progress towards UHC. There is a subcommittee working on the consumer voice at the table.
- Funding and workforce legislation for Long Covid medical cost and ramifications. UW has a specialized program.
- Drug affordability workgroup: Cost of drugs, Pharmacy deserts
- Total cost of insulin workgroup: emergency supply of insulin to anyone who needs it at a pharmacy. Would require a change of scope and practice for a pharmacist.
- Expanding Medicaid for low-income seniors.