NAMI Smarts for Advocacy

The Logistics of Advocacy

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Getting started

To help everyone get the most out of this training, we ask you to agree to the following:

- Participate fully
- Help keep us on time
- Mute yourself if not speaking
- Submit Pre-and Post-Training Surveys

NAMI Smarts for Advocacy: pre-training survey
Agenda

I. 12:00 pm - Welcome, Overview & Topic Introduction

II. 12:05 pm
   1) Presentation: The Logistics of Advocacy
      1) Putting it all together (What does this mean?)
         1) The issue
         2) Your legislators
         3) Your story

III. 12:50 pm - Post-session Evaluation

IV. 12:55 pm - End Session
Part 1: The Issue

Current, timely legislative proposals
SB 173 -- ANTIPSYCHOTIC DRUGS

SPONSOR: Sen. Bill White

This bill prevents MO Healthnet Division from placing restrictions on access to antipsychotic medications.

It also requires MO Healthnet Division to continue to allow MO HealthNet participants access to any antipsychotic drug that they are using and are stable on or any drug that they have successfully used previously.

House Companion Bill: HB 364
Sponsor: Rep. David Gregory
SB 80: Modifies provisions relating to insurance coverage for mental health conditions

HB 383 – Insurance Coverage for Mental Health (Rep. Bill Kidd) (Mental Health Parity)

“no health benefit plan shall impose a nonquantitative treatment limitation, as defined in the act, with respect to mental health condition benefits of any classification unless the standards are applied no more stringently to mental health condition benefits than to medical or surgical benefits in the same classification.”
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FLOW DEBATE

Perfection (Amendment Process)
Third Reading and Vote
Second Chamber
Final Steps
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Part 2: Your Legislators

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Representative

Mike Bernskoeter
Senator

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John R. Ashcroft
Secretary of State

Nicole Galloway, CPA
State Auditor

Scott Fitzpatrick
State Treasurer
**Representative Dave Griffith**  
**District 060**  
**Republican**  

**Elected:** 2016  
**Years Served:** 3  
**Hometown:** Jefferson City  
**Counties:** Cole

### Committees

- **Capitol Address**  
  - **Address:** MO House of Representatives  
    - 201 West Capitol Avenue  
    - Room 235-BB  
    - Jefferson City MO 65101
  - **Legislator:** Holly Foster  
  - **Phone:** 573-751-2410  
  - **Email:** Dave.Griffith@house.mo.gov

### Biography

Representative Dave Griffith, a Republican, represents Cole County (District 60) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2016.

Prior to his legislative duties, Griffith served as the executive director of the American Red Cross for six years. Griffith also served on the city council for Jefferson City. Prior to that, he spent 23 years working for KRCG TV in a variety of roles ranging from producer to account executive.

Griffith served in the U.S. Army 8th Special Forces Group as a Green Beret.

Griffith is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Rotary International, American Heart Association, and the Missouri Livingston County Community Foundation.

### Sponsored Bills

- **HR 544 - (1309401.01)**  
  - Allows the Department of Revenue to send first class mail instead of certified mail.
- **SB 369 - (1079401.01)**  
  - Establishes the Commercial Vehicle Towing Advisory Committee.
- **SB 359 - (1079401.01)**  
  - Establishes a Missouri Purple Star School District program.
- **SB 351 - (1125401.01)**  
  - Provides that Missouri National Guard members, after performing certain duties, be entitled to receive certain benefits.
- **HR 625 - (1617401.01)**  
  - Designates the “U.S. Army Specialist Michael Campbell Memorial Highway” in Cole County.
- **HR 32 - (1653401.01)**  
  - Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Missouri relating to property tax exemptions.

### Co-sponsored Bills

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Biography

Representative Dave Griffith represents District 060 in the Missouri General Assembly, serving his second term in November 2022.

Prior to his legislative career, Griffith was a law enforcement professional. He served in the Jefferson City Police Department for over 20 years, in roles ranging from patrol officer to captain. Griffith served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and also has been a member of the Missouri National Guard for over 20 years. Griffith is a parishioner of St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Jefferson City.
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Senator Mike Bernskoetter

Republican
District 06 - Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, and Osage
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Senator Mike Bernskoetter, a Republican, took the oath of office on Jan. 9, 2019, to serve the residents of the 6th Senatorial District.

Before being elected to the Missouri Senate, Sen. Bernskoetter served as the representative for the 59th District in the Missouri House of Representatives. First elected in 2010, he served eight years in the Missouri House.

In addition to his legislative duties, Sen. Bernskoetter and his wife Jeannette have owned and operated Art's Pest Control for 32 years. Senator Bernskoetter also serves as a lector, Eucharistic and hospitality minister at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Senator Bernskoetter is a member of the following organizations: Knights of Columbus, Elks, Eagles, East Side Business Association, West Side Business Association, Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce, Wardsville Lions Club, Home Builders Association, Jefferson City Area Board of Realtors, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Farm Bureau, 2001 Jefferson City Chamber Leadership Class, Sons of the American Legion Post 5, American Legion Riders of Missouri and the YMCA. Senator Bernskoetter also served as president of the Missouri Pest Management Association and has received the John Veatch Award and Man of the Year Award for his work in the pest control industry.

Senator Bernskoetter is a graduate of Helias High School.

Born in Jefferson City, Sen. Bernskoetter is a lifelong resident of Cole County and currently lives in Jefferson City with his wife, Jeannette. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Legislative Service:
Elected to the Senate: 2018
House of Representatives: 2010 - 2018

Committee Membership:
Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, Chairman
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- U.S. House district 03 - Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer

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Part 3: Your Story

You are the expert on your story
Quick Review

NAMI Smarts for Advocacy:
Contacting Your Policymaker

Module Two
Tip #1
Numbers count
Tip #2
Timing is everything
Tip #3

- Make it personal
- Keep it brief – stick to the highlights
Tip #4

Emotion should move—not overwhelm
Tip #5
Motivate with hope and recovery
Tip #6

Make an “ask”
Just do it!
Congratulations!

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