## **Public Policy**

TMHCA's Public Policy initiatives provides the opportunity to sit down with key individuals to share ideas about change. Our Public Policy program is the process we use to negotiate and mediate a dialogue through which influential people, opinion leaders, and ultimately, decisionmakers take ownership of our ideas and proposals and subsequently act upon them.

Public Policy Advocacy includes traditional activities such as lobbying and public education. Successes include capacity building, relationship building, forming networks, and leadership development. Successful actions can impactful tools to affect the bias and stigma associated with mental illness.