Mental health is fundamental to the overall health and well-being of every person.

The impact of mental health needs can be felt in every community and in every sector of government, including Medicaid, criminal justice, education and child welfare. Whether policymakers are looking at health and social system costs, community needs, or economic issues, it is clear that mental health is central to public health and the economic health of our nation.

Working together, state legislators and community advocates can send a strong message about the priority of mental health and wellness and find solutions that bridge unmet needs, improve the quality and outcomes of care, and improve our communities.

“I wanted to set up a caucus to educate legislators about pertinent mental health issues affecting the residents of Minnesota, along with illustrating the connection between mental health and housing, child welfare, and criminal justice”.

Rep. Mindy Greiling, Minnesota