

## Mental Health Rally News

Nine people represented Counseling & Recovery Services of Oklahoma at the Mental Health Rally inside and outside the State Capitol on Tuesday attended by thousands of people from throughout the state. The Counseling & Recovery Services delegation included Beverly Moore, Ruth Archer, Tanya Davis, Katie Chancler, Kim Cochrane, Barbara Richardson, Crystal Gaylord and Kim's son, Jalyan, and Diane Maloy (not pictured).



The group visited over a dozen state legislators' offices and met with Senator Mike Shulz, and Representatives Kevin McDugle, Michael Rogers, Mark Lawson, Harold Wright, and Chuck Strohm. The team urged legislators to come to a budget agreement. If not, they were told constituents will lose access to outpatient services due to budget cuts.

In the afternoon, the team visited with legislators before they went into committee meetings. Staff Crystal Gaylord, Kim Cochrane and Diane Maloy are shown with Rep. Chuck Strohm.



Despite the work of our team and others from throughout the state, the House of Representatives did not pass the tax increases Wednesday morning. No new action has been taken to date.



Kim Cochrane holds the sign she made for the rally with Katie Chanler and Barbara Richardson supporting her. The group made sure the sign was in as many TV shots as possible during the day.

Please continue to contact your state legislators and urge them to fill the funding gap and stop cuts in critical state services.

