

# CBHA Talk

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“C’Mon Man!”

*ESPN Monday Night Football  
Segment*

# Never been a better time

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Bill backlog is going down

Behavioral health is the number one issue on legislator's minds

The incoming Governor's priority is behavioral health

Tax friendly Democrats in control

Integrated Health Homes are starting

Managed Care is finally providing client base coordinated care

The "psychiatric" rate increase is permanent

Telemedicine is on its way

Consent decrees have gone in your favor

Workforce legislation is being implemented

“Chaos Is a Ladder.”

*Petyr Baelish*

*Bran Stark*

*Game of Thrones*

# Uncertainty is your business

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New Governor – Democrat Replaces a Republican

New General Assembly – Democratic Supermajorities Again

New Leadership in the General Assembly

New Congress – Republicans Lose Control of House

New Revenue – Graduated Income Tax, Marijuana, Loopholes, etc.

New Spending – Teachers Wages, Capitol Funding, Pensions, etc.

New Directors – As of yet, unknown

# The Real Work of Government

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The MAP

Leadership Succession

Cabinet Appointments and Confirmation

The Chicago Mayoral Race

The Dark Side of Budget and Policy Issues

# What is happening

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Hand off from one Governor to another

Transition committees

Selection and vetting of agency directors

Ongoing waiver transformation

Ongoing consent decrees and federal masters

Integrated health home and other SPA's

CMS continuing to issue rules and guidance's

# Policy issues that will be dealt with

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Income redistribution

The role of unions in the healthcare workforce

Minimum wage

Minimum teacher salary

Criminal justice reform



# Policy issues that will persist

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Government subsidized pensions for teachers, university employees, state employees, state judges, and Illinois elected officials

AFSCME versus the world

# Budget

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Structural Imbalance

Election Promises

Bill Backlog

Capitol

Higher Education

State Board of Education

Consent Decrees

Property Tax Relief

# New Revenues

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Graduated Income Tax

Legalized Marijuana

Gambling

Gas Tax

Motor Vehicle Registrations

Expansion of Services Tax

# What Should You Do?

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Get Richer

Get Bigger

Get Lucky

Or Get Out

“Was it over when the  
German’s bombed Pearl  
Harbor? Hell no!”

Bluto Blutarsky  
Animal House

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It is resources stupid

- Cash
- Time

Balancing Speed of Implementation with never implementing anything

Triage your issues

- That which must be stopped
- That which must be fixed
- That which must be added

Do you really want to start everything all over again?



# The right tool for the right task

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General Assembly – Resources

Implementation – Administration