



# The Massachusetts Department of Public Health invites you to provide feedback on the Behavioral Health State Health Resource Plan

**The Department is interested in getting feedback about the following questions:**

## Access and Availability

- What challenges are patients/family members/providers encountering as they are trying to help people access behavioral health care (including in inpatient, outpatient and community settings)?
- The data presented show that many people have a mental health or substance use disorder but don't seek treatment. What are some of the things that might prevent people from seeking and obtaining treatment? What can we do to address those barriers?

## Quality and Best Practices

- What are the best practices to ensure high quality, timely behavioral health care?
- How can the Plan's analysis and recommendations best be used to promote these best practices in behavioral health services?
- Is screening for mental health and substance abuse problems happening? If so, where? If not, why not?

## Information and Data

- As a patient moves through the behavioral health care system, what happens during transitions of care? Are there smooth hand-offs?
- What additional information do consumers, providers, and policymakers need to make the best decisions around behavioral health care delivery and planning?

## **Springfield**

**Friday, October 17**

**2:00 PM — 4:00 PM**

Behavioral Health Network

417 Liberty Street

Springfield, MA 01104

Go to Entrance B and find the large conference room.

## **Fall River**

**Monday, October 20**

**11:00 AM — 1:00 PM**

SSTAR Family Healthcare Center

386 Stanley Street

Fall River, MA 02720

Training Room

(Administrator Building #2)

## **Boston**

**Friday, October 24**

**1:00 PM — 3:00 PM**

Department of Public Health

250 Washington Street

Boston, MA 02108

Public Health Council Room

(2nd Floor)

**Visit our website [www.mass.gov/dph/ohpp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/ohpp) for the most recent behavioral health analysis and presentation.**

Written comments (up to 250 words) about the plan are encouraged, and can be emailed to [ohpp@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:ohpp@massmail.state.ma.us). Comments are due by Wednesday, November 5 at 4:00pm.

**Please RSVP** by contacting Matthew McCabe, Office of Health Planning and Policy, 617-624-5639; [matthew.mccabe2@state.ma.us](mailto:matthew.mccabe2@state.ma.us). In addition, please reach out in order to make requests for reasonable accommodations. Accommodation requests must be received at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled presentation.

