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NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Mental Health is proposing regulations under the authority of M.G.L. c. 19, ss. 1, 16 and 18. A comment period will be held for the purpose of receiving written and oral testimony on its proposed actions. The Department describes the substance of the actions as follows:

The Department of Mental Health will be holding a Comment Period, ending on November 1, 2024, to receive written comments on proposed regulatory changes to **104 CMR 25.00 Authority, Vision, Mission, Definitions and Computation of Time**. The primary purpose of the proposed amendment is to establish regulatory authority, define terms used throughout DMH regulations and provide consistency throughout DMH regulations.

The Department of Mental Health is proposing an amendment to regulation 104 CMR 25.00 to remove its Vision and Mission statements from regulation, but to maintain the requirement that it establish, periodically review and publish such statements. DMH has determined that its past practice of promulgating its vision and mission statements in regulation hinders its ability to innovate and to engage in strategic planning, which from time to time compels modification of its vision and mission statements. DMH has included a provision for stakeholder consultation in development and revision of statements.

COMMENT PERIOD

Comment Period will be held by the Department of Mental Health, ending on November 1, 2024.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Please submit all written comments and testimony by sending in an email to:

DMH-regulations@state.ma.us as an attached Word or PDF document or as text within the body of the email; with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All written testimony or comments must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Mental Health, 25 Staniford Street, Boston, MA 02114. Written testimony/comments must be received **NO LATER THAN END OF THE COMMENT PERIOD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.**

INFORMATION: The proposed regulations are posted on the DMH website and can be viewed at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/dmh-proposed-regulations> or request a copy in writing from DMH Regulations, 25 Staniford Street, Boston, MA 02114 or email: DMH-regulations@state.ma.us. DMH may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions, in consideration of relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

By Order of the Department of Mental Health
Brooke Doyle, Commissioner
September 24, 2024