

Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission

Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022
3:00-4:30 pm

Date of meeting: Thursday, February 10, 2022
Start time: 3:05 pm
End time: 4:30 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Members participating		Vote I*
1	Katherine Ginnis – MassHealth (<i>chair</i>)	X
2	Marilyn DeSantis – National Alliance on Mental Illness - MA	A
3	Yaminette Diaz-Linhart – National Association of Social Workers – MA Chapter	X
4	Kirsten Doherty – MA Organization for Addiction Recovery	X
5	Kelly English – Department of Mental Health	X
6	Amanda Graff – Office of Representative Madaro (<i>designee of Rep. Madaro</i>)	X
7	Margaret Hannah – Freedman Center at William James College	X
8	Jessica Larochelle – Massachusetts Association for Mental Health	X
9	Mary McGeown – Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	X
10	Emma Schlitzer – Center for Health Information and Analysis (<i>designee of Ray Campbell</i>)	A
11	Lindsey Tucker – Department of Public Health	X
12	Wanda Visnick – Justice Resource Institute	X
Members unable to participate		
13	Lisette Blondet – MA Association of Community Health Workers	-
14	Julian Cyr – MA Senate	-
15	Cindy Friedman – MA Senate	-
16	Jeffrey Locke – Trial Court	-
17	Danna Mauch – MA Association for Mental Health	-
18	Tram Nguyen – MA House of Representatives	-
19	Carlene Pavlos – MA Public Health Association	-
20	Megan Thompson – Association for Behavioral Healthcare	-
21	James Vetter – Social-Emotional Learning Alliance for MA	-

* (X) Voted in favor; (O) Opposed; (A) Abstained from vote; (-) Absent from meeting or during vote

Proceedings

Chair Ginnis called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm, noting that all votes taken during the meeting would be conducted via roll call. Members briefly introduced themselves.

Vote 1 to approve the 12/9/2021 minutes: Chair Ginnis requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission's previous meeting on December 9, 2021. Ms. McGeown introduced the motion, which was seconded by Professor Hannah and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Chair Ginnis explained that a draft of the Commission's annual report would be shared with Commission members in the coming week for their review, with the goal of submitting a final report to the Legislature on March 1, 2022. She noted that the draft annual report followed the structure of previous years' reports, summarizing the group's meetings and discussions.

Gabriel Cohen, Executive Office of Health and Human Services Program Planning and Implementation Manager, presented a refresher of the Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest requirements the Commission and its members are subject to by virtue of their service on the Commission.

Christine Pond, Behavioral Health/Mental Health Specialist from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) provided a detailed overview of the DESE-sponsored school-based programming to support behavioral and mental health. For additional details, refer to the DESE presentation on the Commission's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

In response to questions from Commission members, Ms. Pond provided additional details on DESE's grant funding for social emotional learning and integration of activities with the state's broader work on the Behavioral Health Roadmap.

Chair Ginnis thanked Ms. Pond and explained that Commission staff would be reaching out regarding proposed dates for the Commission's 2022 meetings, with meetings tentatively scheduled for June and September. She proposed that at the next meeting, Commission staff draft a synthesis of the information that has been presented to the Commission since its inception, in an effort to identify areas of opportunity and collaboration for the Commission's work. Professor Hannah requested that members proactively review this information in advance of the meeting, including the work that members undertook in the previous summer, and come prepared for an in-depth discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Meeting Materials

1. CBH Commission presentation
2. DESE presentation