

Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission

Meeting Minutes
 April 8, 2021
 3:00-5:00 pm

Date of meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2021
 Start time: 3:05 pm
 End time: 4:30 pm
 Location: Virtual Meeting (WebEx)

Members participating		Vote 1*	Vote 2
1	Katherine Ginnis, MSW, MPH – MassHealth (<i>chair</i>)	X	X
2	Yaminette Diaz-Linhart – National Association of Social Workers - MA Chapter	X	X
3	Kelly English – Department of Mental Health	X	X
4	Elizabeth Ganz – Office of Senator Cyr (<i>designee of Senator Cyr</i>)	A	X
5	Margaret Hannah – Freedman Center at William James College	X	X
6	Jessica Laroche – MA Association for Mental Health	X	X
7	Danna Mauch – MA Association for Mental Health	X	X
8	Rosemary Minehan – Trial Court (ret.) (<i>designee of Chief Justice Carey</i>)	X	X
9	Tram Nguyen – MA House of Representatives	A	X
10	Emma Schlitzer – CHIA (<i>designee of Ray Campbell</i>)	X	X
11	Lindsey Tucker – Department of Public Health	X	-
12	James Vetter – Social-Emotional Learning Alliance for MA	X	X
13	Wanda Visnick – JRI	A	X
Members unable to participate			
14	Lisette Blondet – MA Association of Community Health Workers	-	-
15	Marilyn DeSantis – National Alliance on Mental Illness - MA	-	-
16	Kirsten Doherty – MA Organization for Addiction Recovery	-	-
17	Cindy Friedman – MA Senate	-	-
18	Adrian Madaro – MA House of Representatives	-	-
19	Mary McGeown – MSPCC	-	-
20	Carlene Pavlos – MA Public Health Association	-	-
21	Megan Thompson – ABH	-	-

* (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 12/17/2020 minutes: Chair Ginnis requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission's previous meeting on December 17, 2020. Ms. Diaz-Linhart introduced the motion, which was seconded by Professor Hannah and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Gabe Cohen provided an update on the submission of the Commission's annual report, which was submitted to the Legislature in March 2021. For additional details, refer to the report, which has been posted to the Community Behavioral Health Commission's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

Chair Ginnis led a discussion of the recommendations developed by the Commission subcommittee formed at the October 15, 2020 meeting with the goal of exploring promotion and prevention-related recommendations to address the impact of the pandemic on the behavioral health of children and families, with a focus on the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color and low-resource communities. Members discussed each of the proposed recommendations, promoting a centralized message with a decentralized approach. For additional details, refer to subcommittee's presentation posted to the Community Behavioral Health Commission's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

In addition to reviewing the rubric developed by the Commission in early 2020, members proposed a review of the recommendations in the Promote-Prevent Commission's final report, which is also available at the Commission's webpage: <https://www.promoteprevent.com>.

Vote 2 to adjourn: Chair Ginnis requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Vetter introduced the motion, which was seconded by Judge Minehan and approved by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.