

Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission

Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2021
3:00-5:00 pm

Date of meeting: Thursday, June 10, 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	Kirsten Doherty – MA Organization for Addiction Recovery	X	X
4	Elizabeth Ganz – Office of Senator Cyr (<i>designee of Senator Cyr</i>)	X	-
5	Amanda Graff – Office of Representative Madaro (<i>designee of Rep. Madaro</i>)	X	X
6	Margaret Hannah – Freedman Center at William James College	X	X
7	Jessica Larochelle – MA Association for Mental Health	X	X
8	Danna Mauch – MA Association for Mental Health	X	X
9	Rosemary Minehan – Trial Court (ret.) (<i>designee of Chief Justice Carey</i>)	-	X
10	Tram Nguyen – MA House of Representatives	-	X
11	Emma Schlitzer – CHIA (<i>designee of Ray Campbell</i>)	X	X
12	Megan Thompson – ABH	X	X
13	Lindsey Tucker – Department of Public Health	X	X
14	James Vetter – Social-Emotional Learning Alliance for MA	X	X
15	Wanda Visnick – JRI	X	X
Members unable to participate			
16	Lisette Blondet – MA Association of Community Health Workers	-	-
17	Marilyn DeSantis – National Alliance on Mental Illness - MA	-	-
18	Kelly English – Department of Mental Health	-	-
19	Cindy Friedman – MA Senate	-	-
20	Mary McGeown – MSPCC	-	-
21	Carlene Pavlos – MA Public Health Association	-	-

* (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 I to approve the 4/8/2021 minutes: Chair Ginnis requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission's previous meeting on April 8, 2021. Ms. Visnick introduced the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Diaz-Linhart and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Chair Ginnis noted that the afternoon's agenda would be revised, as Commission members who were scheduled to present on agency and legislative updates were called away due to last-minute conflicts. She explained that those updates and presentations would occur at the Commission's next meeting, scheduled for August 12, 2021. She also noted that absent a state budget, updates were not available related to the Community Behavioral Health Trust Fund. For additional details, refer to the meeting presentation on the Commission's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

Judge Minehan joined the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Ms. Diaz-Linhart and Ms. Ganz provided an overview of a youth tele-behavioral health pilot program that was originally included in the Mental Health ABC Act. The program would fund community health workers and remote behavioral health clinicians to be embedded in three rural school systems and would be modeled after an existing program in Western Mass. (<https://www.heywood.org/services/youth-tele-behavioral-health>).

Associate Commissioner Tucker provided a detailed overview of DPH initiatives that touch upon behavioral health work across the Commonwealth. Among the programs and opportunities highlighted were the recent creation of a Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force; Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS)-funded (\$3.8 million) prevention programs that work with youth; school-based intensive intervention programs; gambling prevention programs; and gun violence prevention programs.

Representative Nguyen joined the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Based on comments from Commission members, Associate Commissioner Tucker noted that she would pull together additional information on the timeline for the video and web resource projects in development, as well as a list of ongoing behavioral health campaigns under DPH. She also noted that results of the DPH COVID Community Impact Survey may be helpful for members to review, as it provides an in-depth overview of specific, community-level data.

Chair Ginnis provided an overview of MassHealth prevention work, including Early Prevention Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) for children under 21 years of age; new requirements that specific screenings occur, including children's autism, substance use disorder, and post-partum depression screenings; and the focus on children and families in the next Medicare waiver and in the Behavioral Health Roadmap.

Representative Nguyen highlighted that the upcoming Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery hearing would be focusing on children in youth mental and behavioral healthcare.

Based on comments from Dr. Mauch, Associate Commissioner Tucker noted that she would pull together additional information on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which is expected to be conducted

sometime in the fall of 2021 in coordination with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

Chair Ginnis noted that the Commission's next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2021 and could potentially include presentations from DESE, as well as legislative and agency updates.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.