

Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission



**Executive Office of Health & Human Services
Marylou Sudders, Secretary**

**January 14, 2019
3:00-5:00 pm**

**One Ashburton Place
21st floor, CR 1 & 2**



Agenda



- 1. Oath, Welcome, and Introductions**
- 2. Review of Open Meeting Law**
- 3. Commission's Charge**
- 4. Timeline and Discussion of Commission Members' Expectations for Future Meetings**
- 5. Commission's Webpage and Mailbox**



Review of Open Meeting Law



Open Meeting Law

- Our meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law (OML).
- All of our meetings must be held in public and notice of the meeting, including the agenda, must be provided to the public at least 48 hours in advance.
- Under the OML, members cannot communicate with a quorum (simple majority) of the members regarding topics before this commission (in person or via email) outside of a public meeting.
- Each member must complete the Certificate of Receipt of OML Materials certifying receipt and understanding of the materials.
- For any questions about the Open Meeting Law, contact the Attorney General's Division of Open Government at (617) 963-2540 or openmeeting@state.ma.us
- Additional information can be found at: www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law



Commission's Charge



Legal Authority: *Chapter 208 Section 1 of the Acts of 2018*

Purpose: Promote positive mental, emotional and behavioral health and early intervention for persons with a mental illness, and to prevent substance use disorders among residents of the Commonwealth

The Commission shall:

1. Promote an understanding of: the science of prevention; population health; risk and protective factors; social determinants of health; evidence-based programming and policymaking; health equity; and trauma-informed care; provided that the commission may use, as a guide for its work, the recommendations of the report of the special commission on behavioral health promotion and upstream prevention established pursuant to section 193 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016;
2. Consult with the secretary of health and human services on grants from the community behavioral health promotion and prevention trust fund established in section 35EEE of chapter 10;
3. Collaborate, as appropriate, with other active state commissions, including but not limited to the safe and supportive schools commission, the Ellen Story commission on postpartum depression and the commission on autism;
4. Make recommendations to the legislature that: promote behavioral health and prevention issues at the universal, selective and indicated levels; strengthen community or state-level promotion and prevention systems; advance the identification, selection and funding of evidence-based programs, practices or systems designed to promote behavioral health and early intervention for persons with a mental illness and to prevent substance use disorders; and reduce healthcare and other public costs through evidence-based promotion and prevention; provided that the commission may use state and local prevalence and cost data to ensure commission recommendations are data-informed and address risks at the universal, selective and indicated levels of prevention;
5. Hold public hearings and meetings to accept comment from the general public and to seek advice from experts, including, but not limited to, those in the fields of neuroscience, public health, behavioral health, education and prevention science; and
6. Submit an annual report to the legislature on the state of preventing substance use disorder and promoting behavioral health in the commonwealth.

Annually, not later than March 1, the commission shall file a report with the joint committee on health care financing and the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery on its activities and any recommendations. The commission shall monitor the implementation of its recommendations and update recommendations to reflect current science and evidence-based practices.



Commission's Charge (cont'd)



In brief, the Commission shall:

- 1. Promote an understanding of:** the science of prevention; population health; risk and protective factors; social determinants of health; evidence-based programming and policymaking; health equity; and trauma-informed care;
- 2. Consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services on grants** from the community behavioral health promotion and prevention trust fund;
- 3. Collaborate with other active state commissions,** including but not limited to the safe and supportive schools commission, the Ellen Story Commission on Postpartum Depression and the Commission on Autism;
- 4. Make recommendations to the legislature** that promote behavioral health and prevention issues;



Commission's Charge (cont'd)



5. **Hold public hearings and meetings** to accept comment from the general public and to seek advice from experts; and
6. **Submit an annual report to the legislature** on the state of preventing substance use disorder and promoting behavioral health in the Commonwealth.

The Commission's annual report is due to the legislature on **March 1st** each year and will provide an overview of its activities and any recommendations for the legislature.



Timeline



Key Dates	Location
February 25th from 3:00-5:00 pm	One Ashburton Place, 21st floor, CR 1&2
March 1st – Annual report submission to the legislature	

Future meetings:

With what frequency would members like to meet going forward?



Commission's Webpage and Mailbox



Webpage

www.mass.gov/orgs/community-behavioral-health-promotion-and-prevention-commission

Mailbox for general comments and questions from the public

CommunityBehavioralHealthCommission@massmail.state.ma.us



Commission Members



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