

Commission on Methamphetamine Use



Executive Office of Health & Human Services

December 8, 2021

2:30 - 4:00 pm

WebEx



Agenda



- 1. Oath, Welcome, and Introductions**
- 2. Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Overview**
- 3. Commission's Charge**
- 4. Overview of Methamphetamine and Stimulant Use in the Commonwealth**
- 5. Discussion of Commission Members' Goals**
- 6. Commission Webpage and Mailbox**
- 7. Proposed Meeting Schedule**



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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
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Commission's Charge



Legal Authority: Section 131 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021

Purpose: Study and make recommendations regarding methamphetamine and other stimulant use in the Commonwealth.

The Commission shall:

- **Create aggregate demographic and geographic profiles** of individuals who use methamphetamines and other stimulants, including identifying populations most vulnerable to use;
- **Examine the current availability of, and barriers to providing, harm reduction services and treatment** to individuals with a stimulant use disorder, including, but not limited to, in outpatient treatment, rehabilitation and continuum of care settings;
- **Examine existing efforts undertaken by healthcare providers and the existing body of research around best practices for treating** individuals with a stimulant use disorders, including, but not limited to, evidence for medication treatment for stimulant use disorder, the need for treatment of co-occurring disorders and how to create safe and therapeutic environments in inpatient and outpatient healthcare settings;
- **Examine existing efforts undertaken by service providers and the existing body of research around best practices for harm reduction efforts** in working with individuals using stimulants, including, but not limited to, contingency management;
- **Examine the intersections among stimulant use and sexual health**, particularly among the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning community;
- **Examine the intersections between stimulant use and homelessness;**
- **Examine existing efforts undertaken by emergency medical service providers and law enforcement officials** and the existing body of research on best practices for interacting with individuals with a stimulant use disorder, including, but not limited to, how to de-escalate situations and provide safety and security guidance to health care facilities and local police officers;
- **Examine the source, quantity, potency and pathways to local areas of illicit methamphetamine and other stimulants**, related substances and products; and
- Examine other matters deemed appropriate by the Commission.

The Commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, the Joint Committee on Public Health, the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security and the Senate and House Committees on Ways and Means **not later than March 31, 2022.**



Overview of Methamphetamine and Stimulant Use in the Commonwealth



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Commission Webpage and Mailbox



Webpage

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www.mass.gov/orgs/commission-on-methamphetamine-use

Mailbox

General comments and questions may be submitted to the Commission's mailbox (below) or by clicking on the *Contact Us* link on the Mass.gov webpage:

commission-on-methamphetamine-use@mass.gov



Proposed Meeting Schedule



Date	Time	Location
January 11, 2022	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Virtual / Zoom
February 8, 2022	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Virtual / Zoom
March 8, 2022	1:00 - 2:30 pm	Virtual / Zoom
March 31, 2022 – <i>Submission of Commission Report to the Legislature</i>		