

# **Community Violence Prevention Task Force**



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Commissioner, Department of Public Health  
Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

**October 10, 2024  
9:00-10:30 am**

**Virtual / Zoom**



# Agenda



- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Oath of Office**
- 3. Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Overview**
- 4. Member Introductions**
- 5. Task Force's Charge**
- 6. Goals and Expectations**
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# Oath of Office



I, (*STATE YOUR NAME*), do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof – So help me God.

I, (*STATE YOUR NAME*), do solemnly swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a member of the Community Violence Prevention Task Force, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably, to the rules and regulations of the Constitution, and the laws of this Commonwealth – So help me God.

I, (*STATE YOUR NAME*), do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States.



# Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Overview



## **Lauren Cleary**

Associate General Counsel

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

## **David Giannotti**

Public Education and Communications Division Chief

State Ethics Commission



# Task Force Members



**Robbie Goldstein (*Chair*)**

Commissioner, Department of Public Health

**Kevan Barton**

Executive Director, YouthConnect Program, BGCB

**Paul Brennan**

Director of EMS and Public Safety, Lawrence General Hospital

**Clementina Chéry**

Founder, President and CEO, Louis D. Brown Peace Institute

**Gregg Croteau**

Chief Executive Officer, United Teen Equality Center (UTEC)

**Thea James**

Director, Mass. Violence Intervention Advocacy Program (VIAP), Boston Medical Center

**Keesha LaTulippe**

Deputy Director, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, DPH

**Dwight Robson**

Executive VP of Operations, Roca

**Monalisa Smith**

Founder, President, CEO, Mother's for Justice and Equality

**Asharia Supreme**

18 Degrees

**Laxmi Tierney**

Director of Federal Finance, MassHealth

**Danayjah Yassen**

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# Task Force's Charge



**Legal Authority:** Section 151 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024

**Link:** <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2024/Chapter135>

**Summary:** The Executive Office of Health and Human services shall establish a Task Force to review the availability of federal funding to support community violence prevention programs and to make recommendations to maximize federal funding in an equitable manner that supports community violence prevention service delivery across the Commonwealth.

**The Task Force shall consider:**

- (i) whether federal funds may be applied equitably to community violence prevention programs, in clinical and nonclinical settings, across geographic regions;
- (ii) the ability of existing community violence prevention and intervention programs to implement any federal requirements to be eligible for funding; and
- (iii) any impact federal funding may have on the service delivery model of violence prevention services in the commonwealth.

The Task Force shall submit its recommendations to the Governor and the Clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate not later than December 2, 2024.

If the Task Force recommends that the Secretary of Health and Human Services pursue an amendment to the Medicaid state plan and seek any federal approval necessary to access federal funds to support equitable access to community violence prevention services, then the Secretary shall pursue such an amendment and shall seek any such federal approval in accordance with the recommendations and findings of the Task Force.



## Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps



Date	Time	Location
Thursday, October 10	9:00 – 10:30 am	Virtual / Zoom
Friday, October 25	10:00 – 11:30 am	Virtual / Zoom
Friday, November 1	10:00 – 11:30 am	Virtual / Zoom
Friday, November 8	10:00 – 11:30 am	Virtual / Zoom
Friday, November 15	1:00 – 2:30 pm	Virtual / Zoom
Monday, December 2 – <i>Submission of Report to the Governor and Legislature</i>		

### Webpage

Meeting notifications and copies of meeting materials, such as approved minutes, will be posted on the Task Force's Mass.gov webpage:

<https://www.mass.gov/community-violence-prevention-task-force>