



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Health Policy Commission
Two Boylston Street
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Health Policy Commission, All Members
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Dear Commissioners,

I am pleased to announce the members of the Health Policy Commission's Advisory Council. Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012 requires the Executive Director to establish an Advisory Council and designate members with diverse perspectives on the health care system. The Advisory Council will consult with the Commission and advise me as Executive Director throughout Chapter 224 implementation.

Specifically, the Council is responsible for offering input on the overall operations and policies of the Commission, helping to engage consumers and stakeholders in our efforts, and offering specific feedback on the policy issues before us, including the administration of the Health Care Payment Reform competitive grant program.

I am sure you will agree that this broad array of leaders from a variety of health care fields – providers and insurers, labor leaders, and patient and consumer advocates, among others – will provide valuable guidance as we work to reduce health care cost growth and improve the quality of patient care.

If your schedule allows, please join us at the first meeting of the Advisory Council, to be held:

**March 26, 2013 at 9:00am
University of Massachusetts Boston Campus Center
1000 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston**

Following this first meeting, the Advisory Council will convene at least quarterly. I will provide you with details about those meetings as soon as they are scheduled.

As always, thank you for your leadership and contributions to the Commission and health care reform in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David M. Seltz".

David M. Seltz
Executive Director

Enclosure

HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Christine Alessandro, Executive Director, BayPath Elder Services, Inc.
- Dianne Anderson, RN, President & CEO, Lawrence General Hospital
- Michael Caljouw, Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
- JD Chesloff, Executive Director, Massachusetts Business Roundtable
- Cheryl Clark, MD, Director of Health Equity Research & Intervention, Brigham & Women's Hospital
- John Cox, President, Cape Cod Community College
- Karen Day, Executive Director, US Policy, AstraZeneca
- Ralph de la Torre, President & CEO, Steward Health Care System
- Vicker "Vic" Digravio, President & CEO, Association of Behavioral Health
- Ronald Dunlap, MD, South Shore Hospital, President-Elect, Massachusetts Medical Society
- John Erwin, Executive Director, Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
- Julian Harris, MD, Director, Office of Medicaid
- Jim Hunt, President & CEO, Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
- Jon Hurst, President, Retailers Association of Massachusetts
- Dan Keenan, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Sisters of Providence Health System
- Patricia Kelleher, Executive Director, Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts
- Gene Lindsey, MD, President & CEO, Atrius Health
- Geoff MacKay, President & CEO, Organogenesis
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- David Matteodo, Executive Director, Massachusetts Association of Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.
- Dolores Mitchell, Executive Director, Group Insurance Commission
- Abraham "Ned" Morse, President, Massachusetts Senior Care Association
- Joyce Murphy, Executive Vice Chancellor, Commonwealth Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical School
- Lynn Nicholas, President & CEO, Massachusetts Hospital Association
- Cheryl Pascucci, APRN, FNP-C, Commonwealth Care Alliance
- Lora Pellegrini, President & CEO, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans
- Julie Pinkham, Executive Director, Massachusetts Nurses Association
- Donald Thieme, Executive Director, Massachusetts Council of Community Hospitals
- David Torchiana, MD, President & CEO, Massachusetts General Physicians Organization
- Celia Wcislo, Vice President, 1199 SEIU of Massachusetts
- Brian Wheelan, Executive Vice President for Corporate Strategy & Development, Beacon Health Strategies
- Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Executive Director, Health Care for All