

**Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities
Long-Term Services & Supports and Health Equity Subcommittee
Meeting Agenda**

Date of Meeting: Monday, August 25, 2025

Time: 11am to 12pm

Virtual [Registration Form for Zoom Link](#)

This is a meeting of the **Long-Term Services & Supports and Health Equity Subcommittee** of the permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. The Long-Term Services & Supports and Health Equity Subcommittee will collect and analyze data, conduct research, and evaluate initiatives that impact the accessibility, quality, and sustainability of LTSS for individuals with disabilities in Massachusetts. As part of its mission, the subcommittee will encourage research institutions and organizations to meaningfully involve people with disabilities in the design and implementation of their studies. The subcommittee will assess how policy changes, funding decisions, and health equity efforts affect service availability, with a particular focus on reducing disparities in healthcare access and advancing equitable, person-centered care. Through collaboration with key stakeholders, the subcommittee will identify service gaps, highlight best practices, and promote evidence-based policy discussions that protect and expand LTSS resources.

Agenda

1. Welcome, Roll Call, Approval of Minutes
2. An Overview of Community Living Research at the Lurie Institute for Disability Policy Presentation by
 - Monika Mitra, Director, Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, Nancy Lurie Marks Professor of Disability Policy
 - Joseph Caldwell, Senior Research Scientist
 - Sydney Pickern, Project Manager, Community Living Policy Center
 - Teresa Nguyen, Project Manager, Community Living Equity Center
 - Laurin Bixby, Scientist
3. Adjournment

2025 Meeting Dates

- November 17, 11am-12pm

Meeting Materials:

- [April 2025 minutes](#)
- [Lurie Institute for Disability Policy Presentation](#)

Meeting information:

- Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom webinar
- Please fill out [this registration form](#) for the Zoom link
- Audience members may participate by submitting their contact information, questions, and comments using the Zoom Q&A feature. Please note that Commission staff will follow up with you after the meeting.
- Live stream link <https://malegislature.gov/Commissions/Detail/567/Hearings>
- ASL and CART interpretation services have been requested.
- CART URL: <https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=StatehouseADA>
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