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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Abortion Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2025

5:00-6:00 PM (virtual)

Members Present

- Jill Clark
- Cori O'Neill
- Christie Jurena
- Tara Kumaraswami
- Dominique Lee
- Claire Teylouni
- Feyla McNamara
- Maureen Paul
- Leora Cohen-McKeon
- Kristie Monast
- Chloe Zera

Members Absent

- Deb Bartz
- Elizabeth Janiak
- Mary Beth Muetz

Others Present

- Massachusetts DPH Commissioner Robert Goldstein
- Sophia Apostola, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Rebecca White, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Philip Duarte, Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services
- Alison Gray, Consultant, Massachusetts Department of Public Health • Roberta Moss, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

1. Swearing-In of Members

Rebecca White, Deputy Chief of Staff at the Department of Public Health, administered the oath of office to all Task Force members.

2. Welcome

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Commissioner Goldstein welcomed members to the Task Force and thanked them for participating in this important work.

3. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Jill Clark called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

4. Presentation on Open Meeting Law

Sophia Apostola, Deputy General Counsel at DPH reviewed key requirements, including posting meetings, quorum, and deliberations.

5. Member Introductions

Each member introduced themselves and described their organization's role in abortion-related services.

6. Task Force Purpose & Foundational Context

Members reviewed the FY26 budget line item and its purpose – to create recommendations to ensure continuity of abortion and abortion-related care in the event of federal funding loss.

7. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair of the Abortion Task Force within 48 hours of the meeting There were no additional topics.

8. Discussion of agenda items for next meeting

- Members were asked to consider the following questions, which will be discussed at the next meeting:
 1. What is the scope of the Task Force, and should the focus be on more than the continuity of abortion and abortion-related care in the event of federal funding loss?
 2. Have there been any preliminary discussions within provider organizations or among providers that will inform the work of the Task Force?
- Members shared preliminary thoughts on these two points:
 1. One member shared that it would be helpful to understand the sources of federal funding currently received by provider organizations.

2. One member suggested the Task Force consider other legislative changes that could impact mifepristone approval or telehealth abortion care.
- Members agreed to meet biweekly on Thursdays from 5-6 PM.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM

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