

**MEETING MINUTES:
CARE DELIVERY TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Meeting of May 10, 2023

MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION

Care Delivery Transformation Committee
Health Policy Commission
50 Milk Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA

Docket: Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 11:45 AM

PROCEEDINGS

The Massachusetts Health Policy Commission's (HPC) Care Delivery Transformation (CDT) Committee held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Members present remotely included Ms. Barbara Blakeney (Chair), Mr. Marty Cohen (HPC Vice Chair), Dr. Matilde Castiel, and Ms. Karen Tseng, designee for Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh.

Ms. Deborah Devaux (HPC Chair) was also in attendance remotely.

The [meeting notice and agenda](#) and the [presentation](#) from the meeting can be found on the [HPC's website](#). A recording of the meeting can be found on the [HPC's YouTube Channel](#).

ITEM 1: Approval of the Minutes from the May 10, 2023 Meeting

Ms. Blakeney called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2023, CDT committee meeting. Mr. Cohen made the motion. Ms. Tseng seconded it. The vote was taken by roll call and the minutes were approved unanimously.

ITEM 2: Office of Patient Protection (OPP) 2021 Annual Report

Ms. Blakeney turned the presentation over to Ms. Nancy Ryan, Director, Office of Patient Protection (OPP). Ms. Ryan presented OPP's findings from the 2021 Annual Report. For information, see slides 6-14.

Regarding the reduction in the number of behavioral health appeals, Mr. Cohen asked whether they were continuation of services or level of care appeals. Ms. Ryan said that OPP mostly receives requests regarding residential or inpatient behavioral health services and noted that in 2021 there was a slight increase in outpatient behavioral health appeals. She said the outpatient appeals could be considered continuation of care appeals, but the residential and inpatient services would align more with level of care determinations. Ms. Ryan said that, in 2021, OPP observed that the largest subcategory of appeal requests for mental health services, in particular, shifted from residential and inpatient treatment to outpatient therapies and services.

ITEM 3: HPC-Related Activities in An Act Addressing Barriers to Care for Mental Health

Ms. Blakeney turned the presentation over to Ms. Ryan, to provide a brief update on the HPC mandates and responsibilities under *An Act Addressing Barriers to Care for Mental Health*, otherwise known as the ABC Mental Health Act, which was signed into law August 2022. For more information, see slides 16-17.

ITEM 4: HPC Investment Programs: Mid-Stream Update

Ms. Blakeney turned the presentation over to Ms. Kelly Hall, Senior Director, Health Care Transformation and Innovation (HCTI) department. Ms. Hall was joined by Ms. Catherine Harrison, Deputy Director, HCTI, and Ms. Tayler Bungo, Associate Director, HCTI, to provide a mid-stream update on the HPC's investment programs. For more information, see slides 19-41.

ITEM 5: Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Blakeney addressed the 2023 Public Calendar in the presentation, indicating the upcoming public meetings. For more information, see slide 43.

ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Blakeney adjourned the meeting at 12:09 PM.