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Rest Home Task Force

**Kiame Mahaniah, MD, MBA**

**Undersecretary for Health**

**Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

**January 10, 2025**

**10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Virtual / Zoom**

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## 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
7. Rest Home Licensing, Reporting Structure, and Existing Data
8. Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps

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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 Rest Home 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.

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## 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

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## Task Force Members

**Kiame Mahaniah** *(Chair)*

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

**Judy Bernice**

Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality, Department of Public Health

**Scune Carrington**

BennuCare, Appointee of the Governor

**Kim Clougherty**

Department of Mental Health

**Emily Cooper**

MassHealth, Executive Office of Elder Affairs

**Tracey Cravedi**

Hale House, Appointee of the Governor

**Moses Dixon**

Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging

**Pam Edwards**

Mass Senior Action Council, Appointee of the Governor

**Sen. Patricia Jehlen**

Joint Committee on Elder Affairs

**Megan Nicholls**

Department of Transitional Assistance

**Sen. Patrick O’Connor**

Massachusetts Senate

**Ron Pawelski**

Massachusetts Association of Residential Care Homes (MARCH), Appointee of the Governor

**Rep. Thomas Stanley**

Joint Committee on Elder Affairs

**Pavel Terpelets**

Office of Long Term Services and Supports, MassHealth

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## Task Force’s Charge

**Legal Authority:** Section 27 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024

**Link:** <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2024/Chapter197>

**Summary:** The Executive Office of Health and Human services shall establish a Task Force to evaluate the governance and regulatory structure of rest homes in the Commonwealth.

Specifically, the Task Force shall examine the following:

* 1. the licensing, regulatory and reporting structure for rest homes;
  2. an inventory of licensed rest homes and licensed rest home beds;
  3. the location and service areas of existing rest homes;
  4. a review of rest home closures since 2015;
  5. a review of the recommendations implemented from the nursing facility task force report;
  6. the feasibility of receiving federal reimbursement for rest home expenses; and
  7. a review of the current rate structure for rest homes compared to the actual cost of care to residents.

The task force shall submit a report of its findings, including any recommendations or proposed legislation necessary to carry out its recommendations, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and to the house and senate committees on ways and means, not later than April 1, 2025.

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## Rest Home Licensing, Reporting Structure, and Existing Data

**Judy Bernice MBA, FACHE**

Licensure Unit Manager

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## Upcoming Meetings and Next Steps

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Location** |
| Friday, January 10 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Virtual / Zoom |
| Friday, January 24 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Virtual / Zoom |
| Friday, February 7 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Virtual / Zoom |
| Friday, February 28 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Virtual / Zoom |
| Friday, March 14 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Virtual / Zoom |
| Tuesday, April 1, 2025 – *Submission of Report to the Governor and Legislature* |  |  |

**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/rest-home-task-force>