



Statewide Advisory Council (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2026

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/dds-statewide-advisory-council-sac>

In attendance: SAC Members - Dianne Glennon, Jose Costa, Bob Putnam, Robin Foley, Lusa Lo, Maren Jacobs, Maria Damiano, Nan Leonard, Gwen Sokoloff, Kim Plaut, Roberta Biscan; DDS Staff – Commissioner Sarah Peterson, Christopher Klaskin, Meghan Allen, Gwenn Kelley, Tom Conroy, Catherine Burke, Dylan Lattimore; Guest – Mark Prehn, Joyce Lobelle, Lucie Chansky, Mary Kae Marinac and Jean Simmons

1. Welcome/Introductions
 - a. Thomas Conroy, Deputy Commissioner for Quality, Risk, and Compliance.
 - b. Kim Plaut, new member of the State Advisory Committee
 - c. Maria Damiano announced her resignation from the State Advisory Committee
2. Approval of Minutes Robin Foley Motioned to approve the minutes, Gwen Sokoloff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes for March 10, 2026, approved.
3. SAC/CAB Event Debrief and Plan for 2027
 - a. SAC/CAB 2026 Event Debrief
 - i. The consensus was that it was a superb event
 - b. SAC/CAB Annual Seminar 2027 Committee
 - i. Committee formed for the 2027 Statewide Advisory Committee's Annual Citizen Advisory Committee Event
4. FY27 DDS Budget Status – Dylan Lattimore, DDS Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration
 - a. There has been a \$182 million (5.6%) increase to the FY 27 budget.
 - b. Both House and Senate have filed identical funding for levels for DDS.



- i. House & Senate Budget filed a similar budget to the H2 except a \$2 million reduction to DDS Service Coordination and Administration line item (5911-1003).
 - ii. House & Senate budget for a \$1.2 million increase to the DESE/DDS residential prevention program.
- 5. Supporting Individuals/Families in Navigating Medicare/Medicaid – Mark Prehn*, MassHealth
 - a. Mark Prehn from My Ombudsman presented the background and purpose of My Ombudsman.
 - i. Outlined their relationship with MassHealth
 - 1. Clarification and assistance with rights and benefits of MassHealth
 - 2. They are a neutral party who bridge the gap between MassHealth and active MassHealth recipients
 - ii. They are unable to help with Eligibility or Enrollment
 - 1. In instances where people have those questions, they would be referred to Health Care for All
- 6. Membership
 - a. It was suggested that due to the new SAC vacancies the committee would look to see if there is interest from current members of the Citizen Advisory Boards.
- 7. Old Business
 - a. SharePoint – Dianne Glennon
 - i. Plan to roll out site to 7 CAB members at a time.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Time ran out



9. Next Meetings

- a. July 14, 2026 2:30pm
- b. September 8, 2026 2:30pm
- c. November 10, 2026 2:30pm

10. Adjourn Nan Leonard motioned to adjourn and Dianne Glennon seconded. Motion carried

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