

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Special Commission on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

June 16, 2025

Agenda

- 1. Welcome & Call to Order
- 2. Approve Meeting Minutes from 5/16
- 3. Review Final Findings from Working Groups
- 4. Review Draft Report & Discuss Recommendations for Legislature
- 5. Next Steps
- 6. Adjournment (Vote)

Charge of the Commission

The commission shall:

- (i) assess and summarize the advances made in research on and treatment and diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder;
- (ii) assess and summarize the advances made in access to care for individuals with a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder;
- (iii) assess and summarize research services and support activities for post-traumatic stress disorder across the commonwealth, including coordination of the commonwealth's activities and programs with respect to post-traumatic stress disorder; and...

Charge of the Commission (cont.)

(iv) develop a comprehensive strategic plan to improve health outcomes for individuals with a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder including, but not limited to, recommendations to:

- (A) advance research on post-traumatic stress disorder;
- (B) improve the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder;
- (C) improve public awareness and recognition of post-traumatic stress disorder;
- (D) improve mental health care delivery for individuals with a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder;
- (E) improve the early and accurate diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder; and
- (F) systematically advance the full spectrum of biomedical research on post-traumatic stress disorder.

Report

(d) The commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate not later than <u>July 1, 2025</u>.

Next Steps

Date Time Location

Tuesday, July 1st - Submission of Report to the clerk of the House of Representatives and the Senate

<u>Webpage</u>

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https://www.mass.gov/orgs/special-commission-on-post-traumatic-stress-disorder