

Transitions from Acute Care to Post-Acute Care (TACPAC) Task Force

Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2025
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Date of meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Start time: 10:30 am
End time: 12:00 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Member Votes		Present	Vote 1*	Vote 2*
1	Joanne Marqusee – Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) (<i>Chair</i>)	X	X	X
2	Carminda Andrade – Department of Mental Health (DMH)	-	-	-
3	Donna Buckley – Barnstable County Sheriff's Office	-	-	-
4	Leslie Darcy – Office of Long-Term Services and Supports (OLTSS), MassHealth	X	-	X
5	Adam Delmolino – Mass. Health & Hospital Association (MHA)	X	X	X
6	Shauna Dube – UMass Memorial Medical Center	X	X	X
7	Jeff Fisher – Department of Correction (DOC)	X	X	X
8	Valerie Frias – Elder Justice Unit, Office of the Attorney General	X	X	-
9	Tara Gregorio – Mass. Senior Care Association (MSCA)	X	X	X
10	Jake Krilovich – Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts	X	X	X
11	Liz Leahy – Mass. Association of Health Plans (MAHP)	X	X	X
12	Tracy Lee – Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	X	X	X
13	Mary McClintock – South Shore Hospital	X	X	-
14	Evelyn Patsos – Probate and Family Court Department, Trial Court	X	X	X
15	Richard Raymond – Armstrong Ambulance	X	X	X
16	Clarence Richardson – Mass. Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (MassNAELA)	X	X	X
17	Deborah Vona – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mass.	X	X	X

* (X) Voted in favor; (O) Opposed; (A) Abstained from vote; (-) Absent from meeting or during vote

Proceedings

Assistant Secretary Marqusee called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. She welcomed members and informed them that the Task Force meeting is subject to the Open Meeting Law and that any votes taken during the meeting would be conducted via roll-call vote.

Vote 1 to approve the 2/5/2025 meeting minutes: Assistant Secretary Marqusee requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Task Force's previous meeting on 2/5/2025. Mr. Delmolino introduced the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Richardson and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

At 10:35 am, Leslie Darcy joined the meeting.

Assistant Secretary Marqusee provided a summary of the group's second meeting, which included presentations from MHA and MAHP on hospital discharge planning and the barriers that exist, both from the hospitals and the payors' perspectives. She noted that members discussed the impact of persistent delays in discharging patients from acute to post-acute care settings.

Whitney Moyer from the Executive Office of Aging and Independence, Ellen DiPaola from Honoring Choices Massachusetts, and Task Force members Evelyn Patsos, Clarence Richardson, and Adam Delmolino presented jointly on advance care planning, health care proxies, and guardianship in Massachusetts. In their remarks, the presenters touched on the distinctions between health care proxies, power of attorney, guardians, conservators, and explained the processes for establishing end of life medical orders such as medical and physician orders for life-sustaining treatment (MOLST/POLST), explaining the legal authority and limitations of each role. The presenters highlighted ongoing initiatives, challenges in the legal process, and efforts to streamline decision-making and improve patient care transitions. For additional details on either presentation, refer to the Advance Care Planning presentation on the Task Force's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

In closing, Assistant Secretary Marqusee noted that the Task Force's next meeting on 3/19 would be focusing on post-acute placement processes and barriers, including an overview of the constraints on and opportunities in placing individuals in post-acute settings, and post-acute facilities' and community services' rates and reimbursement, and financial barriers/opportunities.

Vote 2 to adjourn the meeting: Assistant Secretary Marqusee requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Richardson introduced the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Delmolino and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Materials

1. Draft 2/5/2025 meeting minutes
2. Advance Care Planning in Massachusetts presentation