

Section 35 Commission

Updated meeting agenda	Commission charge(s) discussed during meeting
<p>November 5, 2018</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of current Section 35 process (Judge Minehan) 2. Overview of substance use disorder (Dr. Walley) 3. Presentations on detoxification and induction on MAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colleen T. LaBelle, MSN, RN-BC, CARN • Alexander Y. Walley, MD, MSc • Maria A. Sullivan, MD, PhD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission must review medical literature and expert opinions on length of time necessary for detoxification of opioids and recommended time following detoxification to begin medication-assisted treatment. • The Commission must review medical literature and expert opinions on the long-term relapse rates of individuals diagnosed with substance use disorder following involuntary inpatient treatment.
<p>December 6, 2018</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation from first responders, people with lived experience with opioids and substance use disorder and the Section 35 process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General discussion about the use of Section 35
<p>February 28, 2019</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Panel of insurers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Cross Blue Shield • Massachusetts Association of Health Plans 2. Panel of voluntary treatment providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy Wilson (Behavioral Health Network) • John McGahan (Gavin Foundation) • Dan Mumbauer (High Point) 3. Presentation of involuntary treatment providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept. of Corrections • DMH Women's Recovery from Addictions Program (WRAP) • High Point – Dan Mumbauer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission must review whether the current capacity, including acute treatment services, clinical stabilization services, transitional support services and recovery homes, is sufficient to treat individuals seeking voluntary treatment for substance use disorder. • The Commission must review the availability of other treatments for substance use disorder, including those treatments used in less restrictive settings. • General discussion about the use of insurance in the voluntary and involuntary treatment systems.

<p>April 25, 2019</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>1. Presentation from legal working group</p> <p><u>Courts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Minehan • Judge Kathy Coffey • Judge Janet McGuigan <p><u>DMH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony Riccitelli • Nancy Connolly • Lester Blumberg <p><u>DPH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Barrelle • Michael Richardson (program) • Beth McLaughlin (legal) • Hermik Babakhanlou-Chase (data) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission must evaluate and develop a proposal for a consistent statewide standard for the medical review of individuals who are involuntarily committed due to an alcohol or substance use disorder pursuant to section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, including, but not limited to, developing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a proposed standardized form and criteria for releasing medical information for use in a commitment hearing under said section 35 of said chapter 123 that is in compliance with federal and state privacy requirements, and 2. criteria and guidance to medical staff about filing a petition under said section 35 of said chapter 123. • The legal implications of holding a non-court involved individual who is diagnosed with substance use disorder but is no longer under the influence of substances.
<p>May 23, 2019</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>1. Presentation from DPH</p> <p>2. Discussion around effectiveness of involuntary treatment</p> <p>3. Discussion around deliverable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission must review the differences in outcomes for coerced and non-coerced patients. • The Commission must review any potential increased risk of an individual suffering a fatal overdose following a period of involuntary treatment. • The Commission must review the effectiveness of the existing involuntary commitment procedures pursuant to section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws at reducing long-term relapse rates.
<p>June 27, 2019</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>1. Review document capturing recommendations to the legislature from the last meeting</p> <p>2. Review proposed final deliverable</p>	<p>Final deliverable development and finalization</p>