

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Rosemary Minehan 2. Presentations on substance use disorder, detoxification, and induction on MAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander Y. Walley, MD, MSc • Colleen T. LaBelle, MSN, RN-BC, CARN • Maria A. Sullivan, MD, PhD 	<p>The Commission must review medical literature and expert opinions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The long-term relapse rates of individuals diagnosed with substance use disorder following involuntary inpatient treatment. • The length of time necessary for detoxification of opioids and recommended time following detoxification to begin medication-assisted treatment.
<p>December 6, 2018</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Panel discussion with individuals and families with lived experience with substance use disorder and the Section 35 process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lina Abdalla • Zachary Wallace • Merredith Cuniff • Joel Kergaravat • Robin Wallace • Denise Bohan • Joanne Peterson (Learn to Cope) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General discussion about the Section 35 process.
<p>February 28, 2019</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation on DPH opioid/Ch. 55 data 2. Panel discussion with first responders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief John McCarthy <i>Gloucester Police Dept.</i> • Leslie Woods Milne, MD <i>Department of Emergency Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital</i> • Leonard Shubitowski, MPH NREMT <i>Deputy Superintendent, Field Operations, Boston EMS</i> • Steven Garceau <i>EMT, Squad 80, Boston EMS</i> • John Rosa <i>EMT, Squad 80, Boston EMS</i> 	<p>The Commission must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the differences in outcomes for coerced and non-coerced patients. • Review any potential increased risk of an individual suffering a fatal overdose following a period of involuntary treatment. • 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>April 25, 2019</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation on Stonybrook Stabilization and Treatment Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff Nicholas Cocchi <i>Hampden County Sheriff's Department</i> 2. Presentation on Women's Recovery from Addictions Program (WRAP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teri St. Pierre, LMHC <i>WRAP Program Director</i> • Rasim Arian, MD, PhD <i>WRAP Medical Director</i> 3. Legal Representation Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Larsen <i>Director, Mental Health Litigation Division Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS)</i> • Ann Grant <i>Staff Attorney, CPCS</i> • Jessica Gallagher <i>Staff Attorney, CPCS</i> 	
<p>May 23, 2019</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Discussion of Commission's report 	<p>Discussion of Commission's report</p>
<p>June 27, 2019</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Review final report 	<p>Review of Commission's report</p>
<p>July 1, 2019 – Submission of Commission's findings and recommendations to the Legislature</p>	