

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 	<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. 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 Cunniff • Joel Kergaravat • Robin Wallace • Denise Bohan • Joanne Peterson (Learn to Cope) 	<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 discussion with first responders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief John McCarthy – Gloucester Police Dept. • EMT (TBD) • ER doc (TBD) 2. Presentation on DPH data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Bharel 	<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. Legal representation panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonita Tenneriello (Prisoners' Legal Services) • Mark Larsen (Committee for Public Counsel Services) 2. Presentation from legal working group 3. Discussion around deliverable 	<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 Commission must review 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Panel of insurers 2. Panel of voluntary treatment providers 3. Panel of involuntary treatment providers 4. Discussion around deliverable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General discussion about the use of insurance in the voluntary and involuntary treatment systems. • 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.
<p>June 27, 2019</p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review proposed final deliverable 	<p>Final deliverable development and finalization</p>
<p>July 1, 2019 – Submission of Commission's findings and recommendations to the Legislature</p>	