













Addressing the Opioid Crisis in Small and Rural Communities in Western Massachusetts
Friday, September 6, 2019, 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Campus Center, University of Massachusetts Amherst

8–8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. *Welcome* 

Kumble R. Subbaswamy, PhD

Chancellor, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Philip W. Johnston

Chairman, The Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

**9 – 9:10 a.m.** Mark A. Keroack, MD, MPH

President & Chief Executive Officer

Baystate Health

9:10 – 10:30 a.m. *Research Panel* 

Moderator: Yves Salomon-Fernandez, PhD President, Greenfield Community College

Constance M. Horgan, Sc.D.

Professor and Director, Institute for Behavioral Health,

Heller School for Social Policy and Management,

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University of Massachusetts Amherst

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. *Break* 

10:45 – 10:55 a.m. *Lived Experience* 

10:55 – 12:10 a.m. *Stakeholder Panel* 

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Debra L. McLaughlin

Coordinator

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Ruth A. Potee, MD

Director of Addiction Services

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Director of Harm Reduction

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Deirdre Calvert, MSW, LICSW

Director, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

12:10 – 12:15 p.m. *Closing Remarks* 

Michael Doonan, PhD

Executive Director, The Massachusetts Health Policy Forum