



The Massachusetts
Health Policy Forum

2020 Student Forum Agenda

Making the policy process real

Day 1: Tuesday, January 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m. **Massachusetts State House
Room 428
24 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02133**

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. **Registration**

9:10 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Introductions and Forum Overview**
Michael Doonan, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **The Legislative Process Panel**
Moderator: Christie Hager, JD, MPH
Associate Vice Chancellor and Managing Director, University of
Massachusetts Medical School—Commonwealth Medicine

Sarah Sabshon
Healthcare Policy Analyst,
Office of House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo,
Massachusetts State House

Martha Kwasnick
General Counsel, Senate Committee on Ways and Means,
Massachusetts State House

10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. **Health Policy in the Legislature**
Introduction: Philip W. Johnston
Chairman, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

10:05 a.m. **Representative Denise Garlick**
– **10:45 a.m.** Vice Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means, Vice Chair,
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, House Committee on
Personnel and Administration, Massachusetts State House

10:45 a.m. **Senator Joanne Comerford**
– **11:25 a.m.** Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health,
Massachusetts State House

11:25 a.m. **State House Tour**
– **12:00 p.m.**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch and Debrief in Groups - Great Hall**
– **1:00 p.m.**

1:00 p.m. **Break- Walk to the Center for Health Information**
– **1:30 p.m.** **and Analysis (CHIA)**

1:30 p.m. **Center for Health Information and Analysis**
– **5:00 p.m.** **501 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116**
5th Floor, Newbury Room

1:30 p.m. **Ray Campbell**
– **2:15 p.m.** Executive Director
Center for Health Information and Analysis

2:15 p.m. **Audrey Gasteier**
– **3:00 p.m.** Chief of Policy and Strategy
Massachusetts Health Connector

3:00 p.m. **Break**
– **3:15 p.m.**

3:15 p.m. **Medicaid Innovations in Payment and Financing**
– **4:00 p.m.** **Dan Tsai**
Assistant Secretary for MassHealth and Medicaid Director,
Executive Office of Health and Human Services

4:00 p.m.
– **4:45 p.m.**

David Seltz
Executive Director
Health Policy Commission

4:45 p.m.
– **5:00 p.m.**

Debrief
Michael Doonan, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Day 2: Wednesday, January 8, 2020

9:15 a.m. **Executive Office of Health and Human Services**
- 1:00 p.m. **One Ashburton Place, 21st Floor**
 Boston, MA 02108

9:15 a.m. **Coffee**
- 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. **Joan Mikula**
- 10:15 a.m. Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. **Lobbyists/Media/Advocacy Panel:**
- 12:00 p.m. **Moderator: Alan Sager, Ph.D**
 Professor, Boston University School of Public Health

Martha Bebinger
Reporter, WBUR

Amy Rosenthal
Executive Director, Health Care for All

Michael Caljouw
Vice President of Public, Government, and Regulatory
Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

12:00 p.m. **Lunch and Debrief in Groups**
- 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. **Break - walk to Department of Public Health**
- 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. **The Department of Public Health**
– 5:00 p.m. **250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108**
 Public Health Council Room

1:30 p.m. **Introduction**
– 2:30 p.m. **Philip W. Johnston**
 Chairman, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Secretary Marylou Sudders
Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services

2:30 p.m. **Monica Bharel, MD, MPH**
– 3:15 p.m. Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

3:15 p.m. **Break**
– 3:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. **Social Determinants of Health Panel**
– 4:45 p.m. **Moderator: Ben Wood, MPH**
 Director of the Office of Community Health Planning and
 Engagement within the Division of Prevention and Wellness,
 Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, Massachusetts
 Department of Public Health

Jessica del Rosario
Director of Special Initiatives, Division of Community Health
Planning and Engagement, Bureau of Community Health and
Prevention, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Emily Sparer-Fine, MS, ScD
Director of the Occupational Health Surveillance Program,
Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, Massachusetts
Department of Public Health

Shioban E. Torres, DrPH
Worksite Wellness Coordinator, Division of Health Protection
and Promotion, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention,
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

4:45 p.m.
– 5:00 p.m.

Final Debrief
Michael Doonan, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

5:00 p.m.
– 5:15 p.m.

Break- Walk to the University of Massachusetts Club

5:15 p.m.
– 7:45 p.m.

The University of Massachusetts Club
One Beacon St. 32nd Floor,
Boston, MA

5:15 p.m.
– 5:45 p.m.

Cocktails (Cash Bar)

5:45 p.m.
– 6:45 p.m.

Dinner

6:45 p.m.
– 7:45 p.m.

Introduction
Philip W. Johnston
Chairman, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Keynote Dinner Speaker
Representative Ronald Mariano
Majority Leader, Massachusetts House of Representatives