



2026 Student Forum Agenda

Making Policy Real

Tuesday, January 6

State House, Room 428

24 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02133

9:30 a.m. – 9:40a.m. **Welcome & Introduction: Health Policy in the Legislature**

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

9:40 a.m. –10:25 a.m. **Introduction: Andrew Dreyfus**
Chair, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Senator Cindy F. Friedman
Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

10:25 a.m. –11:10 a.m. **Kiame Mahaniah**
Secretary, Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

11:10 a.m. –11:25 a.m. **Break**

11:30 a.m. –12:45 p.m. **The Legislative Process Panel**
Moderator: Christie Hager, JD, MPH
Associate Professor, UMass Chan Medical School

Ramla Hagi
Research Director
Joint Committee on Public Health

Monique Ching, MA
Senior Advisor on Policy and Fiscal Affairs
Office of the Senate President

Meg Ribera

Legislative Director and General Council
Office of Senator Julian Cyr

12:45 p.m.	Lunch with breakout groups
1:45 p.m.	
1:45 p.m.	State House Tour
– 2:30 p.m.	
2:30 p.m.	Walk to Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)
– 3:00 p.m.	

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

1 Ashburton Place, 21st Floor, Boston, MA 02108
Conference Room 2-3

3:00 p.m.	Audrey Morse Gasteier
– 4:00 p.m.	Executive Director Massachusetts Health Connector
4:00 p.m.	Mike Levine
– 5:00 p.m.	Assistant Secretary MassHealth
5:00 p.m.	Debrief
– 5:15 p.m.	Michael Doonan, Ph.D. Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Wednesday, January 7

The Department of Public Health

250 Washington St, Boston, MA 02108

9:00 a.m.	Welcome: Michael Doonan, Ph.D.
– 9:15 a.m.	Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum
9:15 a.m.	Robbie Goldstein, MD
– 10:00 a.m.	Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
10:00 a.m.	Break
– 10:15 a.m.	
10:15 a.m.	Department of Public Health Social Determinants Panel
– 11:45 a.m.	Moderator: Ruth Blodgett , Director, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, DPH
	Kim Etingoff , Community Engagement Specialist, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, DPH
	Tony Galvao , Director of Child and Youth Violence Prevention, DPH
	Stephanie Kang , Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Health Equity, DPH
	Ta-wei Lin , Deputy Director for the Office of Statistics and Evaluation in Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, DPH
11:45 a.m	Christine Goldrick
–12:30 p.m.	Senior Director of Strategy, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health
12:30 p.m.	Lunch with breakout groups
– 1:30 p.m.	
1:30 p.m.	Walk to Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC)
– 1:45 p.m.	

Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC)

50 Milk St 8th floor, Boston, MA 02109

2:00 p.m. **David Seltz**

– 2:45 p.m. Executive Director, Health Policy Commission

2:45 p.m. **Andrew Jackmauh**

– 3:30 p.m. Chief of Staff, Center for Health Information and Analysis

3:30 p.m. **Break**

– 3:45 p.m.

3:45 p.m. **Lobbyists Advocacy Panel**

Moderator: Alan Sager, Ph.D

Professor, Boston University School of Public Health

Ashley Blackburn

Interim Executive Director, Health Care for All

Kendra Patterson

Director of Delivering on Equity, Delivering on Equity Collective

Adam Martignetti, Vice President, State Government

Affairs & Advocacy, Point32Health

4:55 p.m. **Final Debrief**

– 5:00 p.m. **Michael Doonan, Ph.D.**

Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

5:30 p.m. **Optional Networking Happy Hour (Cash Bar)**

– 6:30 p.m. Elephant & Castle, 161 Devonshire Street, Boston 02110