

# 2026 Student Forum Agenda

## *Making Policy Real*

**Tuesday, January 6**

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**State House, Room 428**

24 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02133

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**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. – 1:45 p.m.**      **Lunch with breakout groups**

**1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**      **State House Tour**

**2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**      **Walk to Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)**

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**Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

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

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**3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**      **Audrey Morse Gasteier**  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts Health Connector

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**      **Mike Levine**  
Assistant Secretary  
MassHealth

**5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**      **Debrief**  
**Michael Doonan, Ph.D.**  
Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

## Wednesday, January 7

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### The Department of Public Health

250 Washington St, Boston, MA 02108

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- 9:00 a.m.**  
– **9:15 a.m.**      **Welcome: [Michael Doonan, Ph.D.](#)**  
Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum
- 9:15 a.m.**  
– **10:00 a.m.**      **[Robbie Goldstein, MD](#)**  
Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- 10:00 a.m.**  
– **10:15 a.m.**      **Break**
- 10:15 a.m.**  
– **11:45 a.m.**      **Department of Public Health Social Determinants Panel**  
**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.**  
– **12:30 p.m.**      **[Christine Goldrick](#)**  
Senior Director of Strategy, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health
- 12:30 p.m.**  
– **1:30 p.m.**      **Lunch with breakout groups**
- 1:30 p.m.**  
– **1:45 p.m.**      **Walk to Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC)**

## Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC)

50 Milk St 8th floor, Boston, MA 02109

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**2:00 p.m.**

– **2:45 p.m.**

**David Seltz**

Executive Director, Health Policy Commission

**2:45 p.m.**

– **3:30 p.m.**

**Andrew Jackmauh**

Chief of Staff, Center for Health Information and Analysis

**3:30 p.m.**

– **3:45 p.m.**

**Break**

**3:45 p.m.**

– **4:55 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.**

– **5:00 p.m.**

**Final Debrief**

**Michael Doonan, Ph.D.**

Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

**5:30 p.m.**

– **6:30 p.m.**

**Optional Networking Happy Hour (Cash Bar)**

Elephant & Castle, 161 Devonshire Street, Boston 02110