



ABH August Committee Meetings

Tuesday, August 7
ATS, 10 a.m. (ABH)

Wednesday, August 9
SOAP, 10 a.m.

Thursday, August 10
Corporate Compliance, 10 a.m.

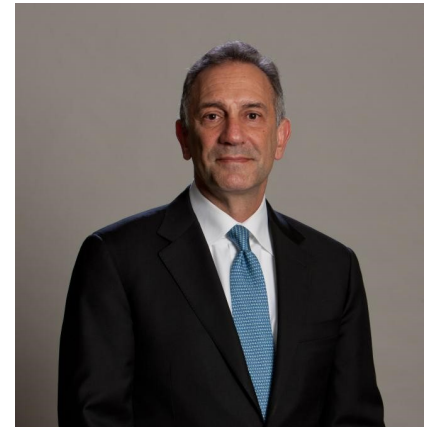
Monday, August 13
Billing Committee,
10 a.m.

All meetings are held at the Hampton Inn, Natick unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 508-647-8385.

ABH is proud to announce this year's Salute to Excellence Keynote Speaker: Gary Mendell!

Founder and CEO
Shatterproof

A national nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the devastation addiction causes families.



After losing his son Brian to addiction in 2011, Gary founded Shatterproof to spare other families the tragedy his had suffered.

He is a frequent speaker on how our society can end the stigma unjustly associated with addiction, has been honored numerous times for his leadership related to reversing the course of the opioid epidemic, testified in front of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, has been a guest several times on CNBC and MSNBC to provide his perspective on commonsense solutions to the opioid epidemic, and his opinions are frequently reflected in the Wall Street Journal, Forbes and the Washington Post. Read more [here](#).

ABH Salute to Excellence
Friday, October 19th
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Boston Marriott Newton

Stay tuned this summer for registration information!

**See page 2 for more information about Shatterproof.*

Shatterproof

Founded in 2012, Shatterproof is a national nonprofit dedicated to ending the devastation that addiction causes families. Shatterproof's work is focused on advocacy, supporting families and ending the stigma that surrounds this disease. Among its accomplishments as an organization, Shatterproof launched the Substance Use Disorder Treatment Task Force in 2017. The Task Force released The Shatterproof National Principles of Care®, 8 essential criteria for treatment. Last fall, sixteen payers, representing 248 million lives, signed on to support these principles, agreeing to identify, promote, and reward one core set of evidence-based principles for addiction treatment.

In 2017, Shatterproof launched the Rise Up Against Addiction 5K Walk/Run event series in 5 cities across the country. In Boston, 1,400 people came together to support Shatterproof's mission. This year, the event expands to 11 cities nationally, including returning to Boston on September 23. Local treatment and residential service providers can form teams or join the Community Partner program, highlighting the services they offer locally. Erin Barfield, Shatterproof's local Community Engagement Manager, can be reached at ebarfield@shatterproof.org for more information about these opportunities.



The cure to stigma is love.
The cure to despair is hope.

It's time to Rise Up Against Addiction.

Families unite to run or walk 5K, bringing the disease of addiction into the light. This is an inspirational event in support of all those touched by drug and alcohol addiction. Join us to show families they are not alone. All funds raised support Shatterproof's mission.



Who we are
Shatterproof is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the devastation addiction causes families.

What we do

- We work to end the stigma of addiction.
- We foster a community of support for families.
- We provide families with evidence-based resources for substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery.
- We advocate for changes in federal and state policy.

ABH Operational Updates

Stay up-to-date on the MassHealth Systems Transformation by checking out our latest ABH Operational Update.

Available [here](#).

Draft PDT Rate and Program Regulations

MassHealth has published public comment/public hearing information for proposed changes to the PDT manual and rate regulation. ABH has requested the rate methodology for the proposed rate. Public hearings on both the rate and on the program manual will be held on Monday, July 9th at 10 am (program manual) and 11 am (rate) in Quincy. ABH will be developing testimony on both.

Proposed PDT Rate Regulation

- [Public Hearing Notice](#) (noting repeal of current rate to reflect transfer of rate setting authority)
- [Proposed Regulation](#)
- [Register to Testify](#)

Proposed Amendments to PDT Program Manual

- [Public Hearing Notice](#)
- [Proposed Regulation Amendments](#)
- [Register to Testify](#)

We will be convening an ad hoc meeting of the PDT committee to help develop comments in the coming weeks. We will keep committee members posted.

Please contact Lydia Conley (LConley@ABHmass.org) if you have any immediate comments or questions.

Budget Conference Committee

ABH recently submitted its budget request to the conference committee (the committee charged with working out the differences between the House and Senate budgets). Specifically, ABH asked that the conference committee:

- Include the Senate directive of \$4 million for the outpatient mental health and addiction treatment system at MassHealth (line item 4000-0700).
- Support the House appropriation of \$5 million for the jail diversion program line item 4512-0202.
- Support the Senate appropriation of \$6,548,125 for the DHCD Rental Subsidies for DHM clients' line item (7004-9033).
- Remove all earmarks that were included for individual organizations in the FY 2018 budget.

Note that these were not ABH's only budget priorities. Funding levels or budgetary language that is the same in both the House and Senate budget will automatically be included in the final conference committee budget.

To read ABH's letter to the conference committee in its entirety, click [here](#).

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Behavioral Health Recruitment Program!

The [Community Mental Health Center Behavioral Health Recruitment Fund](#) is a multi-year, \$800,000 program funded by EOHHS as part of MassHealth's \$1.8 billion Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. This prescriber recruitment program is being administered by the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers with support and guidance from ABH.

The goal of the program is to increase the number of psychiatrists and nurse practitioners at community mental health centers across the state. The program offers loan repayment and professional development initiatives.

The program will include approximately 15 psychiatric recruitment packages and seven nurse practitioner recruitment packages over a three year period. The psychiatrist recruitment package is a two-year package totaling \$150,000 per psychiatrist (\$50,000 for loan repayment and \$50,000 per year for two years "to lead special projects related to accountable care"). The nurse practitioner recruitment package is a two-year package totaling \$110,000 per nurse practitioner (\$30,000 for loan repayment and up to \$40,000 per year for two years "to lead special projects related to accountable care"). Up to \$40,000 will be available for each project.

We urge all of our members to consider applying for this program. Click [here](#) for more program detail and information on how to apply. Applications are due July 31, 2018 by 5:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Vic DiGravio at VDiGravio@ABHmass.org.

BSAS DSM-5 Intensive Training

BSAS will be offering a DSM-5 Intensive training session on Thursday, July 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center. Registration is required. The session costs \$60 and 5.5 continuing education credits will be offered.

Additional information, including an agenda and registration information is available [here](#).

Keeper's Korner

Keeper is excited about the summer (except for the hot weather). Here's what's on her summer reading list:

- [After An Overdose, Patients Aren't Getting Treatments That Could Prevent The Next One.](#) NPR.
- [Beyond Opioids: How A Family Came Together To Stay Together.](#) NPR.
- [Suicide Rates Rising Across the U.S.](#) Centers for Disease Control.
- [Opioid Addiction Drugs Severely Underutilized, Study Finds.](#) CNN.

