

ABH November Committee Meetings

Tuesday, November 1
CSS/TSS, 10 a.m. (ABH)

Tuesday, November 8
CBFS, 2:30 p.m. (ABH)

Thursday, November 10
Human Resources,
10 a.m.

Friday, November 11
Corporate Compliance,
10 a.m.
Children's Services,
10 a.m.

Monday, November 14
Billing, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, November 15
OTP, 9:30 a.m. (ABH)

Friday, November 18
Quality and Outcomes,
10 a.m.

Friday, November 25
DAE/SOA, 10 a.m. (ABH)

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

ABH's Salute to Excellence!

Recognizing leadership in community-based
behavioral healthcare

DREAM...BELIEVE...ACHIEVE

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of those who have made outstanding contributions to community-based behavioral healthcare.

ABH Salute to Excellence

Friday, October 21, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Check-in, breakfast and the Exhibitor Fair begin at 8:00 a.m.)

Westin Waltham Hotel

Exhibitor Fair

Starting at 8:00 a.m. visit with our exhibitors to learn about their various products geared toward community-based behavioral health organizations.

Keynote Speaker

Jennifer Ayers-Moore

Sister to Nathaniel, the subject of the book and film, *The Soloist*

Register Now!

All Politics is Local

Inviting Legislators to visit your programs: Why is it so important? Join us as we host regional meetings to discuss effective strategies to engage with legislators, especially those not familiar with your organization and community-based behavioral healthcare.

Complete our All Politics is Local Assessment. This tool will help you determine the steps your organization should take to create new or improve existing relationships with legislators. Please [click here](#) to complete the assessment (all responses will be kept confidential as the purpose of this tool is to help guide your organization's engagement strategy). We've developed this short assessment tool as a fun way for you and your team to quantify and rate your relationships with local legislators. We will share the results with you during the upcoming strategy sessions.

Register to attend the All Politics is Local strategy session. Thank you to those of you who attended our first session in September. Below is the list of our remaining sessions.

Choose the session that is most convenient for you. Please email Rosemary Santini at rsantini@abhmass.org to let us know which session you will be attending.

Thursday, October 6	9:30-11 a.m.	Worcester Community Healthlink (275 Belmont Street, Worcester)
Thursday, October 13	9:30-11 a.m.	Northampton Clinical & Support Options (8 Atwood Drive, Suite 301, Northampton)
Thursday, October 13	2:30-4 p.m.	Natick Hampton Inn (319 Speen Street, Natick)
Wednesday, October 19	9:30-11 a.m.	Fall River SSTAR (386 Stanley Street, Fall River)
Tuesday, October 25	9:30-11 a.m.	Danvers Lahey Health Behavioral Services (199 Rosewood Drive, Danvers)

RFIs and RFRs Abound

ABH staff wants to make sure you are aware of current Requests for Information (RFIs) and Requests for Responses (RFRs). Below are snippets about the state's current RFIs and RFRs:

- The Department of Public Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (DPH/BSAS) has posted an RFI seeking feedback from providers about what it would cost to provide Secure Section 35 programs. The RFI is available [here](#) and responses are due Wednesday, October 12.
- MassHealth has posted a Request for Information (RFI) to support the development of its Community Partner Program. ABH is reviewing the RFI and will be developing comments. The RFI can be accessed [here](#).
- DPH/BSAS recently posted an RFR for the procurement of an organization to offer family support, training for volunteer opportunities, and overdose prevention training for families impacted by the current opioid epidemic. The RFR is available [here](#).

One Care Auto Enrollment

In January, [One Care: MassHealth plus Medicare](#) will begin to auto-enroll individuals under age 65 who become eligible for the plan (i.e., dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid). Enrollees will be sent 60-day and 90-day advance notices and will have options to un-enroll. An individual's enrollment date will coincide with his or her Medicare enrollment start date. There will be a 90-day continuity of care period.

All Ears

The Department of Public Health will hold four Listening Sessions regarding the development of statewide *Health Priorities* and *Community Engagement* standards pursuant to the proposed Determination of Need (DoN) regulations ([105 CMR 100.000](#)). These standards will guide the investment of DoN Community-Based Health Initiatives, create an objective standard for community engagement, and define public health value. A presentation outlining a preliminary framework on these guidelines will be available [here](#) starting on October 5.

The four Listening Sessions are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, October 13, 2016

9:30 a.m. – Noon

Worcester Public Library Main Branch, Saxe Room,
3 Salem Square, Worcester, MA 01608

Thursday, October 13, 2016

2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Western Regional Health Office, Large Conference Room
3 Service Center, Northampton, MA 01060

Thursday, October 20, 2016

9:30 a.m. – Noon

Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital (Plymouth), Funkhouser A&B Conference Rooms
275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth, MA 02360

Thursday, October 27, 2016

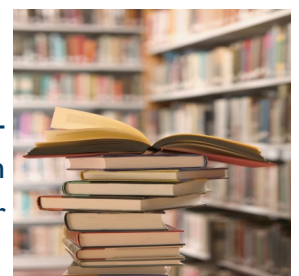
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MA Department of Public Health, Public Health Council Room
250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

If you have any questions, contact Connie Peters at CPeters@ABHmass.org.

Court Case Updates

Many of you have been following *Rosie D.* and *Chapter 257* developments for years. For those of you who haven't, you can read an update on *Chapter 257* from *The Collaborative* [here](#) and the Center for Public Representation's *Rosie D.* newsletter [here](#).



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Ever thought about joining one?

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New DCF Policy for Missing/Absent Children

As of September 26, 2016, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) has implemented a new policy regarding missing or absent children who are in DCF care or custody. All DCF staff are already trained in the new policy. DCF is encouraging Caring Together provider attendance at provider specific/regional trainings in October so you are familiar with your responsibilities and reporting requirements as a provider.

DCF recommends that all Program Directors, and any particular staff responsible for staff training within a program site or Agency, attend this training. This is a "train the trainer" model, with the expectation that those who attend the training go back and train ALL program staff to ensure the policy and program requirements are met within your Agency. The training will focus on Policy and Program Responsibilities along with a short presentation from My Life My Choice (MLMC) after the DCF Missing/Absent Child Policy.

The trainings will be held on the following dates/times (it does not matter which region you attend):

October 4, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Brandon Training Center 27 Winter St Natick, MA

October 4, 2016 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tatnuk Café/Book Store – 18 Lyman St Westboro MA

October 11, 2016 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., South JRI 99 South Main St Fall River

October 20, 2016 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., West UMASS Springfield Downtown Campus (Tower Square 1500 Main St suite 260 Springfield, MA)

Please RSVP to your CTCS Team:

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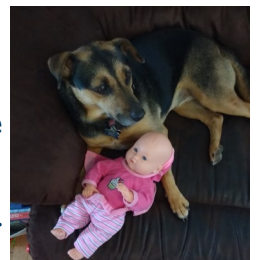
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Keeper's Korner

It's back to school for some of Keeper's best friends and everyone has been busy reading. Here's what's on the docket for this month:

- [Let's Call Mental Health Stigma What It Really Is: Discrimination.](#) *Huffington Post.*
- [The 4 Traits that Put Kids at Risk for Addiction.](#) *The New York Times.*
- [Large Danish Study Links Contraceptive Use To Risk Of Depression.](#) *Kaiser Health News.*
- [Amid Opioid Epidemic, States Experiment With Recovery High Schools.](#) *The Pew Charitable Trust.*



Keeper and Baby Doll hang out.