

ABH October Committee Meetings

Tuesday, October 4
ATS, 10 a.m. (ABH)

Wednesday, October 5
Outpatient, 10 a.m.
e-Health, 10 a.m.

Friday, October 7
**Children's Services CEO
Leadership**, 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 13
SOAP, 10 a.m.

Friday, October 14
DAE/SOA, 10 a.m.
CBHI, 10 a.m.
Corporate Compliance,
10 a.m.

Monday, October 17
Billing, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, October 18
OTP, 9:30 a.m. (ABH)

Thursday, October 20
**Recovery Committee for
Residential Services**,
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

Do you know someone who should be recognized for their outstanding work?

If your answer is YES, then you should nominate them for recognition at ABH's annual Salute to Excellence on Friday, October 21, 2016.

It's easy! All you have to do is fill out this [form](#) and send it to Kristin Archibald at karchibald@ABHmass.org or fax it to her at 508-647-8311.

The deadline for nomination submissions is Friday, September 16, 2016.

Interested in attending our Salute to Excellence? Click [here](#) to register for this inspiring event.

Sponsorship Opportunities!

Serving as a sponsor for the Salute to Excellence is a great way to increase your company's visibility and recognition and conveys your commitment to the field of behavioral healthcare. Your generous support also helps keep registration fees low for attendees. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$1000 to \$5000. Details are available [here](#).

All Politics is Local—Sign up for Sessions Now!

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. 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.

Wednesday, September 21	9:30-11 a.m.	Quincy South Shore Mental Health (500 Victoria Drive, 3rd Floor, Quincy)
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)

Coupon Clipping

ABH and the National Council are pleased to partner once again this year to offer ABH members a special discount rate to register for the 2017 National Council Conference next April 3-5 in Seattle.

Members registering for the conference by Friday, September 9th will only pay \$575. The following is the schedule of registration fees based on specific deadlines moving forward:

- ◆ Register before Sept. 9: \$575 instead of \$775
- ◆ Register before Dec. 16: \$675 instead of \$875
- ◆ Register before Feb. 24: \$775 instead of \$975
- ◆ Register after Feb 24: \$875 instead of \$1075

To take advantage of this special rate, enter the code “17memberMA” when you register. All ABH members will receive a \$200 discount if using this special code.

Serving Marginalized Populations

In an effort to better meet the needs of our membership, ABH is establishing a new committee tentatively called the **Serving Marginalized Populations Committee**. ABH has created this committee in response to feedback from our member organizations who serve populations who have been traditionally marginalized in our health care system and in broader society. The committee will meet every other month and will focus on best practice service delivery of mental health and addiction treatment services for the people and communities of the Commonwealth who face systemic, cultural, ethnic, racial, linguistic, and LGBTQIA disparities. This committee will provide a forum for program directors and staff to share best practices and discuss challenges in providing services to the local populations traditionally marginalized in the health care system.

This new committee will be staffed by Kristen Archibald, Director of Children's Behavioral Health and Member Services at ABH and Co-Chaired by two members of ABH's Board of Directors: Henry East-Trou, Executive Director at Gandara Mental Health Center and Emily Stewart, Executive Director at Casa Esperanza.

The Committee will meet on the second Monday afternoon of every ODD-numbered month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at either ABH Offices (251 West Central St., Suite 21, Natick) or Hampton Inn (319 Speen St, Natick) pending depth of membership attendance. The meeting dates for FY17 are:

First Meeting: Monday, September 12th
Monday, November 14th
Monday, January 9th
Monday, March 13th
Monday, May 8th

Please RSVP to Kristen Archibald at karchibald@abhmass.org or 508.647.8385 x14 if you plan on attending the first meeting on September 12th so we can secure proper space to accommodate all who wish to attend. If you wish to receive future correspondence about the Serving Marginalized Populations Committee, please email Kristen Archibald at karchibald@abhmass.org with your contact information to be added to the distribution list.

Co-pays Eliminated for Addiction Treatment

Over the summer the Massachusetts Health Connector voted to eliminate co-payments for medication assisted treatment. This means that, starting next year, individuals who are insured by a Connector plan will no longer have to pay co-pays for Methadone or Suboxone treatment or the associated counseling. The Connector also voted to eliminate co-payments for Narcan and other drugs that reverse overdoses. For more information, contact Mandy Gilman at AGilman@ABHmass.org.

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Survey Says...

ABH's [committees](#) serve as the grassroots of our organization and are essential to setting ABH's agenda. They identify pertinent policies or programmatic issues to be discussed or addressed by ABH with policy makers. Our committees help establish the priorities for our annual work plan, advise the Board of Directors, take action to assure positive outcomes, ensure that appropriate interface occurs with the relevant state agencies, and inform our entire ABH community of actions taken on behalf of all providers.

That is why we are always looking for ways to improve our committees and ensure that they serve the needs of our members. Please take this [short survey](#) about our committees before Monday, September 19. Your feedback will help us improve our committees for the upcoming year.

If you participate on more than one committee, please fill out the survey separately for each committee. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mandy Gilman at AGilman@ABHmass.org.

If you are interested in joining one of our committees, click [here](#) or contact Mandy to be added to the distribution list.

The National Council for Behavioral Health and AmeriCares have launched a survey to better understand medication needs for uninsured and underinsured clients served. The results of the survey will be used to inform the AmeriCares Mental Health Initiative. More details can be found in the below message.

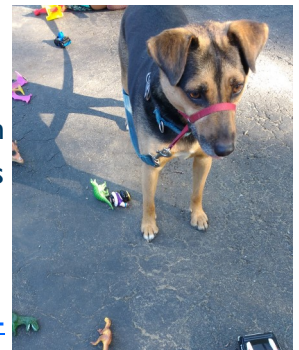
The survey will be open until September 16, 2016 and can be completed [here](#). ABH encourages participation in the survey.

Please email any questions about the survey to Megan Dormond, MPH, Data and Evaluation Analyst at MeganD@thenationalcouncil.org. For questions about AmeriCares,

Keeper's Korner

As summer draws to a close, Keeper has been busy playing with her human friends. But, since they all love to read too, she has plenty for her e-update readers:

- [Turning the Tide on Opioid Addiction](#). *The Boston Globe*.
- [10 Things I Wish I'd Known before my Daughter became Addicted to Heroin](#). *The Boston Globe*.
- [Screening Positive For Depression Doesn't Mean You'll Get Treatment, Study Finds](#). *Kaiser Health News*
- [New Numbers Show Opioid Epidemic Rages On In Massachusetts](#). *WBUR: Common Health*



Toy dinosaurs are closing in on Keeper.