



ABH April Committee Meetings

Friday, April 3
**Children's CEO
Leadership**, 10 a.m.

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

Wednesday, April 8
Outpatient, 10 a.m.

Friday, April 10
CBHI, 10 a.m.
Corporate Compliance,
10 a.m.

Monday, April 13
Billing, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 14
ACCS, 2:30 p.m.
(Beechwood Hotel)

Thursday, April 16
SOAP, 10 a.m. (ABH)
COE Residential, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 21
OTP, 9:30 a.m. (ABH)

Friday, April 24
**Sr. Partnering w/
Underserved
Populations**, 10 a.m. (ABH)

Wednesday, April 29
BH CP Exec., 10 a.m.

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

NEW DSRIP FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE Health Center & Behavioral Health Leaders



The Association for Behavioral Healthcare (ABH) is pleased to share the following information from the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers:

The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers (MassLeague) is pleased to announce the launch of the third year of the **Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) & Primary Care/Behavioral Health Special Projects Program (Special Projects Program)**. SLRP offers partial repayment of student loan obligations for primary care and behavioral health clinicians who commit to four years of practice in an eligible community-based setting. The Special Projects Program aims to engage and retain primary care and behavioral health providers in community settings across Massachusetts and supports innovative on-the-ground projects that advance the ability of community-based provider organizations to succeed in an accountable care environment. Funding for these programs comes through the Massachusetts League's contract with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to develop and implement seven community-based primary care and behavioral health workforce initiatives as part of MassHealth's \$1.8 billion Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program. The MassLeague works closely with ABH to administer the behavioral health components of these programs.

Additional workforce initiatives will be launched in the coming months, the details of which will be disseminated by MassHealth and the MassLeague as they become available.

Please see page two for additional information!

Additional DSRIP Funding Information

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Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP): This year's SLRP cycle will aim to support approximately 80 providers who commit to four years of practice at an eligible organization. Click [here](#) for program details and information on how to apply. Applications are due March 24, 2020 by 5:00pm EST. An informational webinar is scheduled for March 3, 2020, 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

The webinar will be recorded and accessible after March 6, 2020.

Please direct all questions to the DSRIP Statewide Investments email: StatewideInvestments@massleague.org. The question and answer period for SLRP will be open through March 17, 2020 at 5:00pm EST.

Primary Care/Behavioral Health Special Projects Program (SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM): This year's Special Projects Program will aim to support approximately 20 provider-led projects. Up to \$40,000 will be made available for each project in an eligible organization. Click [here](#) for more program detail and information on how to apply. Applications are due March 24, 2020 by 5:00pm EST. An informational webinar is scheduled for March 4, 2020, 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

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Public Charge Rule

As you know, the Trump Administration is implementing important changes regarding immigrants' use of public benefits. This is known as the "public charge" rule.

What is "public charge"? Effective February 24, 2020, the federal government will use an expanded "public charge" test to determine who may be denied a visa or adjustment of status to lawful permanent residence (a "green card"). The policy changes could penalize immigrants for using some public benefits (government programs that may help pay for food, housing or health care) and would make it more difficult for a family with a low or moderate income to obtain a green card.

The enacted changes allow more types of public benefits to be considered when making public charge determinations, including certain MassHealth benefits. While these rule changes do not directly impact community-based behavioral health provider organizations, they may discourage some immigrants from accessing public benefits, including MassHealth benefits.

The impact of the public charge on immigration status is complicated. For more information about what benefits may or may not be taken into account in a public charge determination, visit Health Care for All's [web-site](#) or read their guidance [here](#).

RFR Roundup

DPH/BSAS has posted an RFR on CommBuys for the procurement of Substance Addiction Service Treatment of Civilly Committed Clients. The RFR is available [here](#).

DPH/BSAS has also posted an RFR on CommBuys to procure the Massachusetts Impaired Driving (MID) Program for persons convicted of an Operating Under the Influence charge. The RFR is available [here](#).

Free Home Base Workshops

Home Base works to heal the invisible wounds of war for Service Members, Veterans and their Families through clinical care, wellness, research and education. The purpose of this training initiative is to give health professionals tools to identify, support and refer veterans and their families to community resources and Home Base trained evidence based therapy providers in their communities.

Home Base will be offering FREE, accredited, training workshops for health professionals uniquely positioned to improve access to mental health care for veterans and their families.

Content will include:

- Introduction to military culture
- How to recognize the invisible wounds of war (IWW)
- Overview of the evidence based therapies for IWW
- Identify referral sources for evidence based treatments in your community, including therapists trained by Home Base

Workshop Details: All workshops will provide free accreditation and provide lunch.

March 16, 2020

(Beverly, MA):
12:00 – 2:00PM

April 6, 2020

(Hyannis, MA):
12:00 – 2:00PM

April 7, 2020

(Charlestown, MA):
12:00 – 2:00PM

May 26, 2020

(Westfield, MA):
12:00 – 2:00PM

To sign-up for a workshop in your community please email Joyce Donadio at jmdonadio@mgh.harvard.edu. Space is limited.

ABH Salary Survey Available!

In October of 2019 ABH, in partnership with Gallagher Surveys, developed a salary and benefits survey that focused specifically on mental health and substance use disorder providers. The final product included extensive input and guidance from the ABH Human Resources Committee. This survey is a follow up to ABH's 2010, 2013, 2015 & 2017 surveys.

The results are now in and available for purchase. We anticipate that these results will be a great resource for behavioral health providers. To purchase the Salary Survey results, please complete this [Salary Survey Purchasing Form](#). ABH can then complete the billing process and will share the results with you via email.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Socha at msocha@abhmass.org or 508-647-8385, ext. 18. Thank you!

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Register Now! Adaptive Leadership Training

The Association for Behavioral Healthcare (ABH), in partnership with the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, has a grant from the Delta Center for a Thriving Safety Net to increase capacity around value-based purchasing and care. The Delta Center has promoted Adaptive Leadership (AL) as a framework for organizations preparing for complex change. The AL framework, developed by management researchers at Harvard University, is taught throughout the US and across the globe.

Adaptive Leadership is a practical leadership framework that helps individuals and organizations adapt and thrive in challenging environments. It focuses on developing both on the individual and collective level the ability to take on the gradual but meaningful process of change. Adaptive Leadership is purposeful evolution in real time.

We are pleased to be able to bring a half-day introduction to AL to the membership of ABH and the League. The training will be led by Kimberlyn Leary, PhD of the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Leary is a psychologist, with experience in community-based clinics, and many years of experience as a trainer and teacher. This session will include a didactic presentation as well as small group work on a specific case presentation.

Register Now!

The Verve (Crowne Plaza)

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Target Audience: ABH CEOs and C-Suite Staff, League CEOs and C-Suite Staff.

Cost: This event is being supported by the [Delta Center for a Thriving Safety Net](#).

Note: Due to the high volume of interest, we will be limiting registration to **two individuals per organization**. Any additional registrants will be wait-listed and added on a first come, first served basis as spots become available.

Registration information can be accessed on the ABH website [here](#).

Questions can be directed to Megan Socha at msocha@abhmass.org.

Current Events Corner

- [Senate Unanimously Approves Vast Mental Health Bill](#). *WBUR CommonHealth/State House News*.
- [How 2020 Democrats' Health Care Plans Would Rock Hospital Budgets In Mass.](#) *WBUR CommonHealth*.
- [A Guide To Following The Health Debate In The 2020 Elections](#). *Kaiser Health News*.
- [No Quick Fix: Missouri Finds Managing Pain Without Opioids Isn't Fast Or Easy](#). *Kaiser Health News*.
- [America's Mental Health Crisis Hidden Behind Bars](#). *NPR*.

