



ABH December Committee Meetings

Tuesday, December 5
ATS CSS, 10 a.m.

Friday, December 8
Corporate Compliance,
10 a.m.

Monday, December 11
Billing, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 13
Outpatient, 10 a.m.

Thursday, December 14
SOAP, 10 a.m.
COE RRS, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19
OTP, 9:30 a.m.

To learn more about ABH's
Committees, click [here](#).

2023 Salute to Excellence Award Winners

Congratulations!

Advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice Award

Naomi Thompson, the Human Resources Department, and the Diversity Committee
The Home for Little Wanderers

Living the Mission Award

Zena DeBarros
South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC)

Moe Armstrong Award for Peer Leadership

Athena Haddon
Spectrum Health Systems, Inc.

Robert Dorwart, M.D., Award for Mental Health

Craig Gaudette
Advocates

Scott M. Bock Force for Change Award

Rose Evans
Behavioral Health Network, Inc.



2023 Salute to Excellence Award Winners, Continued

Excellence in Outcomes Award

Operational Leadership Team
Innovative Care Partners, LLC

Excellence in Best Practices Award

The Committee Advancing Race Equity (CARE) Team
Open Sky Community Services

Genie Bailey, M.D.
SSTAR

Excellence in Program Leadership Award

Benjamin Bailey
The Brien Center

Herbert Bonds
Volunteers of America Massachusetts

Excellence in Administration and Finance Award

Allison Alaimo
Veterans, Inc.



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Advocates for Human Potential

CMS will establish marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors as Medicare provider types on Jan. 1, 2024.

Learn more [here](#).

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Contact Your Legislators: Campaign to Fund Outpatient Services

With your help providers from across the state have sent more than 900 emails into the State House pushing for legislation (S. 760/ H. 2006) to increase reimbursement rates to mental health clinics!!! HELP US GET TO 1,000!

We need YOU to contact your State Legislators to ask for their support of this legislation.

Right now, children and adults cannot access the mental health/behavioral health care they need. Too many cannot access care. Too many face long delays and wait lists. Clinics struggle with recruitment and retention of staff.

Please share this message and Action Link with all your team and staff, and ask them to share with their families. It's so easy to use - - in a couple clicks of the mouse they will immediately email their State Senator and State Representative.

Please distribute this link to your staff and urge them to take action today!

<https://www.votervoice.net/ABHMA/Campaigns/108444/Respond>

NatCon24

The National Council for Mental Wellbeing invites you to learn alongside 5,000+ health care professionals at NatCon24, the largest conference in mental health and substance use treatment, from April 15-17, at the America's Center Convention Complex in St. Louis, Missouri.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

For more information, click [here](#).



Interesting Reads

- [What's ahead for the Mass. family shelter system as it approaches this week's cut-off. WBUR.](#)
- [Medicare Expands the Roster of Available Mental Health Professionals. KFF News.](#)
- [Pregnant and Addicted: Homeless Women See Hope in Street Medicine. KFF Health News.](#)
- [How lack of independent play is impacting children's mental health. NPR.](#)
- [New Hampshire diner offers a 'fair chance' for workers in addiction recovery. WBUR.](#)