



The Massachusetts
Health Policy Forum

2016 Student Forum Agenda

Making the policy process real

Day 1: Monday, January 11

8:30 a.m.
– Noon

Massachusetts State House
Gardner Auditorium

8:30
– 8:45 a.m.

Registration

8:45– 9 a.m.

Introductions and Forum Overview

Michael Doonan, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

9 – 9:45 a.m.

**The Legislative Process and Cost Containment
Strategies**

Timothy O’Neil

*Committee Director, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing,
Massachusetts State House*

9:45
– 9:50 a.m.

Health Policy in the Legislature
Introduction:

Philip W. Johnston

Chair, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

9:50 –
10:30 a.m.

Representative Jeffrey Sanchez
*House Chair, Joint Committee on Health Care
Financing, Massachusetts State House*

10:30-
11:10 AM

Erika Scibelli, Esq.
*Legislative Director and Legal Counsel
Office of Senator James T. Welch, Massachusetts State House*

11:10 a.m. -
Noon

State House Tour

Noon – 1 p.m.

Lunch (boxed Lunches provided in the Great Hall)

1– 1:30 p.m.

Break - walk to the Department of Public Health

1:30 – 5 p.m.

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

1:30 –
2:15 p.m.

Monica Bharel, MD, MPH
*Commissioner
Department of Public Health*

2:15 -3 p.m.

Lydie Ultimo
*Director, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
MA Department of Public Health*

3– 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15- 4 p.m.

Dr. Al DeMaria
*Medical Director, Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention,
Response and Services, Department of Public Health*

4 – 4:45 p.m. **Lea Susan Ojamaa**
Director, Division of Prevention and Wellness
Department of Public Health

4:45 – 5 p.m. **Debrief**
Michael Doonan, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Day 2: Tuesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA)**
88 Newbury Street Entrance

9 – 9:45 a.m. **Áron Boros**
Executive Director
Center for Health Information and Analysis

9:45 – 10:30 a.m. **David Seltz**
Executive Director
Health Policy Commission

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 – 11:30 a.m. **Cost Containment and Quality and the Group Insurance Commission**
Dolores Mitchell
Executive Director, Group Insurance Commission

11:30 – 12:15 p.m. **The Role of the Office of Medicaid**
Robin Callahan
Deputy Medicaid Director for Policy and Programs
Office of Medicaid

**12:15-
1 p.m.** **Lunch and Debrief in Groups (boxed Lunch provided)**

1 -1:30 p.m. **Break - walk to Department of Mental Health (DMH)**

1:30 – 5 p.m. **Department of Mental Health
25 Staniford Street, Boston
Boston Room**

**1:30 –
2:15 p.m.** ***Joan Mikula***
Commissioner
Department of Mental Health

2:15 -3 p.m. ***Marissa Woltmann***
Associate Director of Policy and ACA Implementation
Specialist, Massachusetts Health Connector

3 – 3:15 p.m. **Break**

**3:15 –
4:45 p.m.** **Panel: Lobbyists/Media/Advocacy**

Moderator:
Alan Sager, Ph.D, Professor,
Boston University School of Public Health
Liz Kowalczyk, Reporter, The Boston Globe
Brian Rosman, Research Director, Health Care for All
Rick Lord, President and CEO
Associated Industries of Massachusetts

4:45 – 5 p.m. **Final Debrief**
Michael Doonan, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

5 – 5: 15 p.m. **Break – walk to Omni Parker House Hotel**

5:15
– 7:45 p.m. **Omni Parker House Hotel**
60 School Street, Boston
Kennedy Room

5:15
– 5:45 p.m. **Cocktails (Cash Bar)**

5:45
– 6:45 p.m. **Dinner**

6:45 -
7:45 p.m. **Introduction:**
Philip W. Johnston
Chair, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Dinner Keynote Speaker
Marylou Sudders
Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services