



The Massachusetts
Health Policy Forum

2022 Virtual Student Forum Agenda

Making Policy Real

Thursday, January 6

9:00 a.m.
– 9:15 a.m.

Welcome: Michael Doonan, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Alan Sager, Ph.D.

Professor, Boston University School of Public Health

Dedication: **David Jones, Ph.D.** BU School of Public Health

Introduction Health Policy in the Legislature:

Philip W. Johnston

Chairman, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

9:15 a.m.
– 10:00 a.m.

Representative Denise Garlick

Chair House Committee on Bills in the Third Reading,
Massachusetts State House

10:00 a.m.
– 10:10 a.m.

Break

10:10 a.m.
– 10:55 a.m.

Senator Joanne Comerford

Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health,
Massachusetts State House

10:55 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. –12:20 p.m. The Legislative Process Breakout Groups
Students will breakout into groups with a legislative staffer in order to facilitate smaller group discussion.

Moderator: Christie Hager, JD, MPH

Associate Vice Chancellor and Managing Director, University of Massachusetts Medical School—Commonwealth Medicine

Sarah Sabshon

Healthcare Policy Analyst,
Office of House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo,
Massachusetts House of Representatives

Brian Rosman

Legislative Director, Senator Jo Comerford

Timothy O’Neill

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

Gloribel Rivas

Research Director for the Joint Committee on Mental Health,
Substance Use & Treatment

Kate Alicante

Research Analyst, Joint Committee on Public Health,
Massachusetts State House

Elizabeth M. Ganz

Legislative Director and General Counsel,
Office of Senator Julian Cyr

12:20 p.m. Lunch Break

-1:20 p.m.

1:20 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m.

The Department of Public Health
Introduction: Philip W. Johnston
Chair Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

1:30 p.m.
- 2:20 p.m.

Secretary Marylou Sudders
Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services

2:20 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m.
- 3:10 p.m.

Introduction: Michael Doonan, PhD
Margaret Cooke
Acting Commissioner,
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

3:10 p.m.
- 3:20 p.m.

Break

3:20 p.m.
- 4:45 p.m.

Department of Public Health Breakout Groups
Students will breakout into groups with a DPH staffer in order to facilitate smaller group discussion.

Nicole Daley, MPH
Director, Division of Violence & Injury Prevention; Bureau of
Community Health Prevention

Kirby Lecy, MPH
Project Coordinator; State Office of Rural Health; Bureau of
Community Health Prevention

Jessica Del Rosario, MPA
Director, Community Initiatives, Bureau of Community Health

Prevention

Rachael Cain, DrPH, MPH

Director; Policy, Planning & Operations; Office of Local and Regional Health

Barry Callis, MSW

Director; Behavioral Health & Infectious Disease Prevention; Office of HIV/AIDS, Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences

Sharon Lee

Environmental Analyst/Program Manager, Environmental Public Health Program, Bureau of Environmental Health

4:45 p.m.
– 5:00 p.m.

Debrief

Michael Doonan, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Friday, January 7

9:00 a.m.
– 9:05 a.m.

Welcome

Michael Doonan, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

9:05 a.m.
– 9:45 a.m.

Introduction: John McDonough, PhD

Center for Health Information and Analysis

Ray Campbell

Executive Director

Center for Health Information and Analysis

9:45 a.m.
– **9:55 a.m.**

Break

9:55 a.m.
– **10:35 a.m.**

Introduction: Signe Flieger, PhD
Audrey Gasteier
Chief of Policy and Strategy
Massachusetts Health Connector

10:35 a.m.
– **10:45 a.m.**

Break

10:45 a.m.
– **11:30 a.m.**

Introduction: Jay Himmelstein, MD, MPH
Medicaid Innovations in Payment and Financing
Amanda Cassel Kraft
Acting Assistant Secretary for MassHealth, Executive Office of
Health and Human Services

11:30 a.m.
– **12:30 p.m.**

Lunch Break

12:30 p.m.
– **1:15 p.m.**

Introduction: Lisa J. Sundean, PhD, MHA, RN
Department of Mental Health
Brooke Doyle, M.Ed., LMHC,
Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

1:15 p.m.
– **1:25 p.m.**

Break

1:25 p.m.
– **2:05 p.m.**

Introduction: Risa Silverman, PhD
David Seltz
Executive Director
Health Policy Commission

2:05 p.m.

Break

– 2:15 p.m.

2:15 p.m.

– 3:45 p.m.

Lobbyists Advocacy Panel

Moderator: Alan Sager, Ph.D

Professor, Boston University School of Public Health

Amy Rosenthal

Executive Director, Health Care for All

Michael Caljouw

Vice President of Public, Government, and Regulatory Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

Reginauld (Reggie) Williams

Communications Director, Massachusetts Budget & Policy Center

3:45 p.m.

– 4:00 p.m.

Final Debrief

Michael Doonan, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum