



The Massachusetts
Health Policy Forum

2021 Virtual Student Forum Agenda

Making Policy Real

Keynote Speaker: Monday, January 4

5:30 p.m. **Welcome: Michael Doonan, Ph.D.**
– 5:40 p.m. Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Introduction: Philip W. Johnston
Chairman, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

5:40 p.m. **Representative Denise Garlick**
– 6:30 p.m. Vice Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means, Vice Chair,
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, House Committee on
Personnel and Administration, Massachusetts State House

6:30 p.m. **Networking**
– 7:00 p.m. *Questions and Answers about the next two days*

Day 1: Tuesday, January 5

9:00 a.m. **Welcome (Log in with your coffee)**
– 9:10 a.m.

9:10 a.m. **Massachusetts State House**
– 9:25 a.m. **Welcome & Introductions**
Michael Doonan, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

9:25 a.m.
–10:40 a.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

Martha Kwasnick

General Counsel, Senate Committee on Ways and Means,
Massachusetts State House

Brian Rosman

Legislative Director, Senator Jo Comerford

Timothy O'Neill

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

Cecilia Nava

Fiscal Policy Analyst, House Committee on Ways & Means
Massachusetts House of Representatives

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

10:40 a.m.
–10:55 a.m.

Break

10:55 a.m.
– 11:05 a.m.

Health Policy in the Legislature
Introduction: Philip W. Johnston
Chairman, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

11:05 a.m.
– 12:05 p.m.

Senator Joanne Comerford
Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health,
Massachusetts State House

12:05 p.m.
– 1:15 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:15 p.m.
– 2:10 p.m.

Introduction: John McDonough, PhD
Center for Health Information and Analysis
Ray Campbell
Executive Director
Center for Health Information and Analysis

2:10 p.m.
– 2:20 p.m.

Break

2:20 p.m.
– 3:05 p.m.

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

3:05 p.m.
– 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m.
– 4:00 p.m.

Introduction: Jay Himmelstein, MD, MPH
Medicaid Innovations in Payment and Financing
Dan Tsai
Assistant Secretary for MassHealth and Medicaid Director,
Executive Office of Health and Human Services

4:00 p.m.
– 4:10 p.m.

Break

4:10 p.m.
– 4:55 p.m.

Introduction: Risa Silverman, PhD

David Seltz

Executive Director
Health Policy Commission

4:55 p.m.
– 5:00 p.m.

Debrief

Michael Doonan, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Day 2: Wednesday, January 6

9:00 a.m.
– 10:00 a.m.

Introduction: Lisa J. Sundean, PhD, MHA, RN

Department of Mental Health

Brooke Doyle, M.Ed., LMHC,

Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

10:00 a.m.
– 10:10 a.m.

Break

10:10 a.m.
– 11:45 a.m.

Introduction: David Jones, PhD

Lobbyists-Media-Advocacy Panel

Moderator: Alan Sager, Ph.D

Professor, Boston University School of Public Health

Martha Bebinger

Reporter, WBUR

Amy Rosenthal

Executive Director, Health Care for All

Michael Caljouw

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

11:45 a.m.
– 12:45 p.m.

Lunch Break

12:50 p.m.
– 1:00 p.m.

The Department of Public Health

Introduction: Philip W. Johnston

Chairman, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

1:00 p.m.
– 1:30 p.m.

Secretary Marylou Sudders

Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services

1:30 p.m.
– 1:45 p.m.

Break

1:45 p.m.
– 2:30 p.m.

Introduction: Michael Doonan, PhD

Lindsey Tucker

Associate Commissioner,
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

2:30 p.m.
– 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m.
– 3:30 p.m.

Department of Public Health Breakout Groups

*Students will breakout into groups with a DPH staffer in order
to facilitate smaller group discussion.*

Rachael Cain

Assistant Director of Programs and Services, Office of Problem Gambling Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Nicole Daley

Director, Division of Violence and Injury Prevention, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Jessica Del Rosario

Director, Community Initiatives, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Kirby Lecy

Project Coordinator, State Office of Rural Health, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Sharon Lee

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

Ben Wood

Director, Division of Community Health Planning and Engagement, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

3:30 p.m.
– 3:45 p.m.

Final Debrief

Michael Doonan, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

3:45 p.m.
– 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 p.m.
– 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Happy Hour with Networking Opportunities