



ABH Annual Meeting

On May 14, ABH members from around the state gathered for ABH's 2019 Annual Meeting featuring Senator Julian Cyr, the newly appointed Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

ABH July Committee Meetings

Tuesday, July 9
ACCS, 2:30 p.m.
(Beechwood)

Friday, July 12
Children's Services,
10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 16
OTP, 9:30 a.m. (ABH)

Friday, July 19
DAE/SOA, 10 a.m.
(ABH)

Friday, July 26
PDT/PHP, 10 a.m.
(ABH)

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



All Politics is Local Winners

At our 2019 Annual Meeting, we honored our All Politics is Local Awardees. These six organizations hosted at least five legislative visits over the course of the year. Y.O.U., Inc. was crowned the All Politics is Local Champion for hosting the most visits this year! Congratulations to our All Politics is Local Awardees!

Awardees:

Bridgewell

Child & Family Services

Habit Opco—Boston

LUK, Inc.

North Suffolk Mental Health

Y.O.U., Inc.



SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, June 20,
2019

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Boston Marriott
Newton

A Farewell Reception
for Vic DiGravio



Click [here](#) for more
info.

Considering the Whole Person: Contexts for LGBTQ People of Color Mental and Behavioral Health Treatment

Join us June 12th for a Webinar on effectively working with LGBTQ people of color in behavioral health settings.

Topics will include systemic racism, homophobia, the compounding effects of intergenerational and contemporaneous trauma and resiliency as these relate to treating the whole person and advancing health and wellness for often-marginalized communities.

Details:

Wednesday, June 12

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) to register.

Coming Soon! ABH's New Members-Only Portal

We are in the process of updating our Members-Only section of our website. New features will include:

- **Member Profile:** Along with your member login to the site, you will have a profile that you can edit whenever you have a change to your contact information or would like to sign-up for a new committee.
- **Event Calendar:** Committee meetings, association meetings, and trainings will be listed on a calendar, along with times and locations. You can also save these to your Outlook or Google calendar.
- **Event Registration:** We will be using MemberClicks for all event registrations beginning this summer. Save time when registering for events by signing into your account so that all of your details are auto-populated on event registrations. This should also make it easier for credit card transactions.
- **New and Updated Members-only resources:** All fact sheets, webinars, and members-only announcements will be posted on our new portal.

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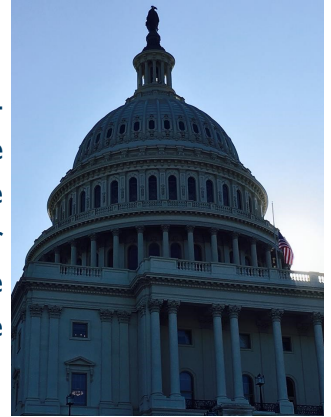
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Hill Day 2019

Mark Your Calendars for National Council Hill Day 2019, September 17-18 in Washington, DC. Make your voice heard at the largest behavioral health advocacy event of the year, plus get the latest policy insider analysis from experts in the field. Whether you're a seasoned pro or speaking to federal legislators for the first time, you'll learn how to take your advocacy skills to the next level. Register [here!](#)



ODU Report

The National Academy of Sciences recently released a report: *Medication for Opioid Use Disorders Save Lives*. The report is the result of an expert committee that looked at "the evidence base for medications to treat OUD and to identify barriers that prevent people from accessing safe, effective, medication-based treatment."

The full report is available [here](#).

To read the report's conclusions, click [here](#). Highlights are available [here](#).

Budget Thank you!

We are extremely grateful to the Massachusetts State Senate for your great work on the FY20 budget! We are thrilled to see some very positive investments and policy changes. A special thank you to Senate President Karen E. Spilka, Ways and Means Chairman Senator Michael Rodrigues and Ways and Means Vice-Chair State Senator Cindy Friedman for their hard work and advocacy on this budget!

Award Winner

Vic DiGravio, ABH's President/CEO was recently recognized as this year's recipient of the MassPRA Advocacy Award! MassPRA is a group of people and organizations promoting full access to quality psychiatric rehabilitation services in support of wellness and recovery.

Keeper's Corner

Despite suffering from intense allergies, Keeper is ready to play ball and read:

- [Medical Schools Look To Educate The Next Generation Of Doctors On Pain.](#) *WBUR CommonHealth.*
- [As Suicides Rise, Insurers Find Ways to Deny Mental Health Coverage.](#) *Bloomberg Business Week.*
- [For Civilians, Finding A Therapist Skilled In PTSD Treatments Is A Tough Task.](#) *Kaiser Health News.*
- [Meth Vs. Opioids: America Has Two Drug Epidemics, But Focuses On One.](#) *Kaiser Health News.*

