



ABH October Committee Meetings

Tuesday, October 1
ATS, 10 a.m.
(ABH)

Thursday, October 3
**Sr. Partnering with
Underserved
Populations**, 9 a.m.

Friday, October 4
**Children's CEO
Leadership**, 10 a.m.

Monday, October 7
Billing, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, October 8
RRS COE, 10 a.m. (ABH)
ACCS, 2:30 p.m.
(Beechwood Hotel)

Friday, October 11
Corporate Compliance 10
a.m.
CBHI, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, October 16
BHCP Exec., 10 a.m.
Outpatient, 10 a.m.

Thursday, October 17
SOAP, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, October 29
OTP, 9:30 a.m. (ABH)

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

ABH Association Meeting: Advocating for Behavioral Health in 2019

Join ABH on Tuesday, September 10th at the Crowne Plaza in Natick for an ABH Association Meeting, Advocating for Behavioral Health in 2019.

After a brief Business Meeting, ABH's President/CEO, Lydia Conley, will review the behavioral health landscape in Massachusetts. We will then welcome government relations and public affairs consultant, Charles Stefanini, who will provide an overview of how to build your agency's advocacy strategy in order to impact state and federal legislative initiatives. Additionally, we will be joined by local experts in media relations, public policy, and the two-time ABH All Politics is Local champion for a panel discussion on strategies and best practices for advocating for your clients, programs, and agency.

Presenters & Panelists:

- Lydia Conley, President/CEO, ABH
- Charles Stefanini, Principal, Charles Stefanini Consulting Group LLC
- Patricia Lynch, Partner, Lynch & Fierro LLP
- Jim McManus, Principal Partner, Slowey/McManus Communications
- Kristin Mayotte, Vice President of Strategy and Program Development, YOU. Inc.

Target Audience: ABH CEOs, Senior Staff, Communications and Development Staff, and any members interested in building their advocacy knowledge.

When: Tuesday, September 10th, 12:00PM to 2:00PM

Where: Crowne Plaza, 1360 Worcester Rd. (Rte 9), Natick, MA 01760

Cost: \$50 per person. Lunch is included.

[Register Here!](#)

If you have any trouble logging in or registering, please contact Megan Thompson at mthompson@abhmass.org or 508-647-8385 x15.

Welcome ABH's Newest Staff Member!

It is our pleasure to inform you that ABH has hired Carmel Craig to be our new Vice Pres-ident for Youth and Adult Mental Health Services.



Carmel comes to ABH after having served in a number of leadership roles at the Department of Early Education and Care, including as General Counsel and most recently, as Deputy Commissioner for Field Operations. In Carmen's roles, she regularly partnered with the Departments of Children and Families, Mental Health, Youth Services, Public Health, and Elementary and Secondary Education along with advocacy groups and providers to ensure children and young adults receive quality, comprehensive services.

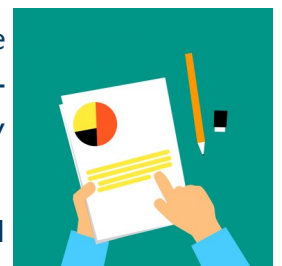
Her legal training and familiarity with state agency operations, including provider management and regulations, will make Carmel a valuable addition to ABH's team.

You may contact Carmel by phone at 508-647-8385 x14 or by email at ccraig@abhmass.org.

Please join us in welcoming Carmel to ABH!

Recovery Coach Commission Report

The Recovery Coach Commission was established by *Section 101 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018* and tasked with reviewing training opportunities for recovery coaches, recommending standards for credentialing, gathering all relevant data regarding recovery coaches and developing recommendations for a recovery coach certification process.



The Commission recently released a report of its findings which is posted on the ABH website [here](#).

Update to Board-Eligible Status for Psychiatrists

As of January 1st of this year, some psychiatrists who were board eligible in the past are no longer board eligible. The relevant citation is below and the Department of Public Health has noted that they have developed a waiver process to address this issue in some situations.

As you know, 105 CMR 140.530 requires Mental Health Clinics to have a psychiatrist under (C)(1)(a).

105 CMR 140.530: Staffing

(C) Personnel Qualifications.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in 105 CMR 140.530(C)(2), the multidisciplinary staff must include:

(a) a psychiatrist who is a physician, as defined in 105 CMR 140.020, and who is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, or eligible for such certification:

The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology has allowed individuals who completed an accredited residency program prior to January 1, 2012 to have until January 1, 2019 of this year to become board certified. The American Board of Psychiatry has an FAQ, [What Does it Means to be "Board Eligible"?](#)

. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mandy Gilman at AGilman@abhmass.org

ABH has new Member's Only Portal!

If you have not done so already, please set up a login for the new portal. You will be required to have a login to register for ABH events.

Click [here](#) to update your Password by entering your email address on file. You will be emailed a link to reset your password.

ABH Salute to Excellence Nominations

ABH's 2019 *Salute to Excellence* will be held **Friday, October 18th** from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Newton Marriott. We can't wait to see you all there!

Do you know someone who should be recognized for their outstanding work in the behavioral healthcare field?

If your answer is YES, then you should nominate them for recognition at ABH's Salute to Excellence on Friday, October 18, 2019. Learn more about the awards [here](#).

It's easy! Just [click here](#) to access the online nomination form. The deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday, September 11, 2019. To be considered, nominees must be employed by an ABH member organization.

Award Categories

Robert Dorwart, M.D., Award for Mental Health (Individuals Only)

The recipient must be a member of ABH who has demonstrated a personal long-term commitment to the goals of ABH and who has provided leadership and support to the association, its members, and staff around mental health issues.

Moe Armstrong Award for Peer Leadership (Individuals Only)

This award was established to honor Moe Armstrong for his courage and conviction in advocating for the critical role that peer leaders play in helping people recover from mental health and addiction disorders. The recipient of this award must have made an exceptional contribution to the development and/or strengthening of the role of consumers in the mental health and/or addiction treatment systems.

Elizabeth Funk Emerging Leader Award (Individuals Only)

Nominees must be under the age of 40. The recipient must show evidence of commitment to behavioral health through his/her ability as an emerging leader within the field. The nominee should display the ability to motivate staff and communicate effectively in their role as a developing leader.

Provider Recognition Awards (Individuals or Groups)

Nominees show evidence of personal commitment to quality and innovation in their work performance and carry out that commitment in a manner deserving of special recognition in any of the following categories:

Excellence in Outcomes: Integration, utilization and management of client outcomes for quality improvement

Excellence in Best Practices: Planning, implementation and on-going integration of best practices

Excellence in Program Leadership: Program director/staff who exemplify outstanding leadership qualities

Excellence in Administration and Finance: Exceptional management of program/agency/corporate finances and/or operations

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Transportation Update

MassHealth has published All Provider Bulletin 285: Nonemergency Ambulance Transportation to Medically Necessary Mental Health or Addiction Treatment Services at All 24-Hour Level-of-Care Settings.

The All Provider Bulletin clarifies that MassHealth regulations allow for nonemergency ambulance transportation of members to medically necessary treatment services at all 24-hour level-of-care settings, including mental health or substance use disorder treatment services. It also outlines the procedures for accessing transportation to such medically necessary treatment services.

Levels of care include, but are not limited to:

- Acute inpatient hospitals;
- Psychiatric hospitals;
- Level 4 withdrawal management level of care, whether delivered in an acute inpatient hospital or a free-standing sub-acute facility;
- Community-based acute treatment (CBAT) or intensive community-based acute treatment (I/CBAT) for children and adolescents;
- Transitional care units;
- Community crisis stabilization (CCS); and
- Acute treatment services (ATS), enhanced acute treatment services (E-ATS), clinical support services (CSS), transitional support services (TSS), or residential rehabilitation services (RRS).

The bulletin is available here: <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/08/27/pb-all-285.pdf>.

Geography of the Uninsured

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation recently released [The Geography of Uninsurance in Massachusetts: An Update for 2013-2017](#). This brief looks to identify high areas of uninsurance in Massachusetts by examining the uninsurance rate, number of uninsured, and concentration of uninsured. The brief includes a number of tables that examine “the rate and number of uninsured for all persons, children (ages 0-18), and adults (ages 19-64), by various geographic units, including Congressional districts, counties, cities and towns, and census tracts. “

Current Events Corner

- [Opioid Overdose Deaths In Mass. Are Down 11% So Far This Year.](#) *WBUR CommonHealth.*
- [How And When Immigrants' Use Of Government Benefits Might Affect Their Legal Status.](#) *Kaiser Health News.*
- [Feds to Revamp Confidentiality Rules for Addiction Treatment.](#) *Boston.com*

