





SPECIAL EVENT

**Behavioral Health Care Under Pressure
in Massachusetts:
Policy Solutions for a Sustainable Workforce**

 Thursday, May 7, 2026
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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 Suffolk University Law School
120 Tremont Street, Boston

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST	9:00 AM
WELCOME David Seltz, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC)	9:30 AM
OPENING REMARKS Amy Rosenthal, Undersecretary for Health, Executive Office of Health and Human Services	9:40 AM
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE CENTER PRESENTATION: INSIGHTS AND STRATEGIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORKFORCE Amy Doyle, Director, HPC Behavioral Health Workforce Center Matthew Pecoraro, Associate Director, HPC Behavioral Health Workforce Center	9:50 AM
PANEL DISCUSSION: POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH Panel Moderator: Amy Doyle, Director, HPC Behavioral Health Workforce Center Kenneth Bates, President and CEO, Open Sky Community Services Dr. Gemima St. Louis, Vice President for Workforce Initiatives and Specialty Training, William James College Lesli Suggs, President and CEO, The Home for Little Wanderers	10:35 AM
CLOSING REMARKS Representative Mindy Domb, Chair, Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery Martin Cohen, HPC Board Vice Chair	11:40 AM
EVENT CONCLUDES	12:00 PM

Agenda may include other items not reasonably anticipated prior to the meeting.

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