

Task Force on Behavioral Health Data Policies and Long Term Stays

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Task Force Member Responsibilities and Open Meeting Law
- Section 230 Overview: Charge and Focus
- Brainstorming: What is a high performing BH system and how would you measure it?
- Information Gathering
- Public Comment
- Next Steps

Task Force Membership

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Task Force Member Responsibilities

- Active participation on Task Force
 - Review materials sent in advance of Task Force meetings
 - Meeting materials will be provided at least three business days prior to the meeting.
 - Actively participate in each meeting by engaging in the topic discussed and remaining focused on the charge
 - Review report draft and comment timely
 - Legislative report is due July 1, 2015
 - Comply with Open Meeting law

Open Meeting Law

- Purpose: to ensure transparency in the deliberations on which public policy is based and requires that meetings of public bodies be open to the public.
- All deliberations will happen with a simple majority of Task Force members (8).
- Please complete the Certificate of Receipt of Open Meeting Law Materials document and return at the end of this meeting.
- For more information, please see:
<http://www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting>

Statute Overview

- The Task Force on Behavioral Health Data Policies and Long Term Stays was created under section 230 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2013.
- **This Task Force has 2 distinct charges**
 - Identifying appropriate data needs to measure system performance and critical gaps
 - Reducing long term stays
- Legislative report due by July 1, 2015

Task Force Focus: Data

- Make recommendations on how best to evaluate performance of the behavioral health system
- Identify data needed to evaluate performance based on initial Task Force recommendations
- Make recommendations on what investments in data systems or resources, or policies are needed to allow policy makers to make informed decisions that lead to improved care delivery

Task Force Focus: Long Term Stays

- Make recommendations on how to reduce the number of long-term care patients in DMH continuing care facilities, acute psychiatric units and emergency departments
 - What are current length of stays in ED, inpatient hospital and continuing care facilities? And are these appropriate?
 - What are reasons for longer stays than needed and how can they be addressed?
 - Is there specific additional data needed to develop solutions?

Other Legislatively Mandated Bodies have Addressed Related Topics

- **Mental Health Advisory Committee**
 - Section 186 of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2012
 - Purpose was to explore the causes of boarding of behavioral health patients in EDs and the impact of the reduction of services at Taunton State Hospital.
- **Behavioral Health Integration Task Force**
 - Section 275 of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012
 - Broad purpose was to recommend the most appropriate approach to behavioral health integration in the context of payment reform in Massachusetts, including addressing education to providers and addressing privacy factors.
- In addition, number of related-ongoing working groups from Chapter 258 and from current year's budget

What Data Would Be Helpful to Assess Behavioral Health System Performance?

Questions for Discussion:

- What are the characteristics of a high performing behavioral health system?
- How would you measure a system to see if it is high performing?

Information Gathering to Support Task Force's Work

- Significant ongoing work on behavioral health issues and available data
 - Will leverage recommendations from other Task Forces and efforts
 - Recognize that number of other groups are working on similar issues and will leverage their findings and collaborate where appropriate
- Will collect additional data as required by legislation from industry on collection practices, public sharing and evaluation

Next Steps

- Upcoming meetings
 2. December 18th
 3. January 27th
 4. February 26th
 5. March 24th
 6. April 28th
 7. May 19th
 8. June 11th

All will be held from 9:30am – noon. Location to be determined.

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