



An Update on Coverage, Affordability, and Access in Massachusetts: Findings from the 2018 Massachusetts Health Reform Survey (MHRS)

Featuring a new focus on access to mental health and substance use disorder (MH/SUD) services

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Audrey Shelto, President, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

Panel 1: Challenges Persist on Affordability

Presentation: Affordability Results

Sharon Long, PhD, Senior Fellow, Health Policy Center, Urban Institute

Discussion

Moderator: Nancy Turnbull, Senior Associate Dean for Professional Education, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

- Audrey Gasteier, Chief of Policy & Strategy, Massachusetts Health Connector
- Manny Lopes, President & Chief Executive Officer, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center
- Dara Taylor, Director of Consumer Assistance, Community Catalyst

Break

Panel 2: MH/SUD Services and the Barriers to Care

Presentation: Access to MH/SUD Services Results

Sharon Long, PhD, Senior Fellow, Health Policy Center, Urban Institute

Discussion

Moderator: Robert Seifert, Senior Director for Health Law & Policy, Commonwealth Medicine Division, University of Massachusetts Medical School

- Gretchen Acevedo, Program Director, Behavioral Health Addiction Urgent Care, Community Healthlink
- Ken Duckworth, MD, Medical Director for Behavioral Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
- David C. Henderson, MD, Professor & Chair, Department of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine & Psychiatrist-in-Chief, Boston Medical Center

Closing

Kaitlyn Kenney Walsh, PhD, Senior Director, Policy & Research, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

This event is dedicated to the memory of Kate Nordahl who launched the Massachusetts Health Reform Survey.



Today's event is dedicated to the memory of Kate Nordahl. Kate devoted her career to improving the health care system for the most vulnerable residents of the Commonwealth. She served as Executive Director of the Foundation's Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute, publishing numerous reports to assist in identifying opportunities to continuously improve the state Medicaid program, MassHealth, and to educate stakeholders about the importance of the program in Massachusetts. Kate was a passionate advocate for access to health care for all.