



MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY



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Thursday, February 28, 2019 · Great Hall, Massachusetts State House

Tentative Schedule for the Morning Plenary Session (as of February 26th)

- 9:00 a.m. **Light Breakfast and Check-in/Registration**
- 9:35 a.m. **Welcome and Overview of the Coalition's FY'20 Budget and 2019-2020 Bill Priorities**
Kelly Turley, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

Molly Schulman, Community Organizer/Legislative Advocate, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

James Saucedo, Community Organizer/Legislative Advocate, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
- 10:10 a.m. **Remarks from Elected Officials**
Senator Becca Rausch, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, and lead sponsor of An Act Providing a Bill of Rights for People Experiencing Homelessness and An Act Relative to the Safety, Dignity, and Civil Rights of Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Representative Kay Khan, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities, and lead sponsor of An Act to Provide Identification to Homeless Youth and Families

Senate President Emerita Harriette Chandler, lead sponsor of An Act to Provide Identification to Homeless Youth and Families

Senate President Karen Spilka, chief Senate author of the FY'19 state budget and lead Senate sponsor of efforts to protect families experiencing homelessness from having to sleep in unsafe places

Representative Marjorie Decker, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, and lead sponsor of An Act to Further Provide a Rental Arrearage Program, An Act to Protect Families Experiencing Homelessness from Having to Sleep in Unsafe Places, An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids, and An Act to Reduce Deep Poverty among Kids

Senator Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader, Chair of the Senate Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and lead sponsor of An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids, and An Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty

Representative James O'Day, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, lead sponsor of An Act Relative to Assisting Elders and People with Disabilities in the Commonwealth (a.k.a. the EAEDC bill), lead sponsor of youth homelessness budget amendments, and sponsor of Legislative Action Day
- 11:05 a.m. **Remarks and Recommendations from Families, Youth, Adults, and Coalition Members on the Importance of Passing Key Legislation and Budget Language on Housing, Homelessness, and Benefits Programs**
Filipe Zamborlini, Public Policy Director, Rosie's Place

Nakita Haywood, One Family, Inc. Program Participant

Kaytie Holbrook, Member, Boston Youth Action Board

Lynnette Martin, Community Speaker

Dr. Lois Lee, M.D., Boston Pediatrician

Dustin Pardy, Member, Boston Youth Action Board and Team Leader, True Colors Foundation

Marybeth, Member, Worcester Fellowship

Yolanda Ortiz, Program Director, Tempo Young Adult Resource Center, Wayside Youth & Family Support Network

Program Participant, Tempo Young Adult Resource Center, Wayside Youth & Family Support Network

Maxwell Nashashuk, Queer Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Advocate

Program Participant, The Haven Project

Warren, Member, Boston Youth Action Board

Andrew Maier, Member, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program Community Advisory Board

12:00 p.m.

Remarks from Elected Officials

Representative William Smitty Pignatelli, Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture and lead sponsor of An Act Providing a Bill of Rights for People Experiencing Homelessness

Representative Denise Provost, lead sponsor of An Act to End Child Homelessness

Senator Patricia Jehlen, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, and lead sponsor of An Act Relative to Assisting Elders and People with Disabilities in the Commonwealth

12:20 p.m.

Tips for Meeting with Legislative Offices

Molly Schulman, Community Organizer/Legislative Advocate, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

Kelly Turley, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

12:25 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Send-Off for Legislative Visits

Kelly Turley, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

Schedule for the Afternoon

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Meetings with Legislators throughout the State House**

All participants are invited to meet with their State Legislators and their staff. Please check in at the legislative visit table with Coalition staff and volunteers before heading to your meetings, and if time allows, come back to the table after your meetings to share feedback with us.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Youth and Young Adult Networking Event in the Back Half of the Great Hall**

We are happy to be able to host a special networking event for youth and young adults with lived experience of homelessness and housing instability, organized by the Massachusetts Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth's State Plan Team.

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