



MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

# Legislative Action Day

# 2017

Monday, February 27, 2017 · Great Hall, Massachusetts State House

## Preliminary Schedule for the Morning Plenary Session

- 9:00 a.m. **Light Breakfast and Check-in/Registration**
- 9:35 a.m. **Welcome**  
*Kelly Turley*, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
- 9:45 a.m. **Remarks from Elected Officials**  
*Representative James O'Day*, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, lead House sponsor of An Act Relative to Assisting Elders and People with Disabilities in the Commonwealth (a.k.a. the EAEDC bill), and sponsor of Legislative Action Day  
*Senator Patricia Jehlen*, Assistant Vice Chair of Senate Committee on Ways and Means and lead Senate sponsor of An Act Relative to Assisting Elders and People with Disabilities in the Commonwealth  
*Senator Joseph Boncore*, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing
- 10:15 a.m. **Introduction and Overview of the Coalition's FY'18 Budget and 2017-2018 Bill Priorities**  
*Tina Giarla*, Community Organizer/Legislative Advocate, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless  
*Sr. Linda Bessom*, Senior Outreach/Community Organizer, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless  
*Kelly Turley*, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
- 10:35 a.m. **Testimonies, Part I: Remarks and Recommendations from Families, Youth, Adults, and Coalition Members on the Importance of Investing in Housing, Homelessness, and Benefits Programs**  
*Janelle Spruill and Angela C. Jamison*, Community Speakers, Rosie's Place  
*Marybeth Bacigalupo-Worden*, Community Speaker, Worcester Fellowship  
*Christine*, Community Speaker, Somerville Homeless Coalition  
*Dustin and Vanessa*, Community Speakers, Bridge Over Troubled Waters
- 11:30 a.m. **Remarks from Elected Officials**  
*Representative Denise Provost*, lead sponsor of An Act to End Child Homelessness and An Act to Prevent Homelessness among Recipients of Transitional Assistance (a.k.a. the No Place Like Home bill)
- 11:35 a.m. **Testimonies, Part II**  
*Lynetta*, Community Speaker, Greater Boston Legal Services  
*Dr. Amanda Stewart, MD/MPH, and Dr. Jennifer Hoffmann, MD*, Boston Children's Hospital
- 11:50 a.m. **Remarks from Elected Officials**  
*Councillor Marc McGovern*, Vice Mayor and City Councillor, City of Cambridge and Convener of the Metro Boston Homelessness Summit  
*Representative Kevin Honan*, House Chair, Joint Committee on Housing  
*Representative Kay Khan*, House Chair, Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities and lead House sponsor of An Act to Provide Identification to Homeless Youth and Families
- 12:15 p.m. **Tips for Meeting with Legislative Offices**  
*Gena Frank*, Legislative Aide, Office of Representative William Smitty Pignatelli  
*Tina Giarla*, Community Organizer/Legislative Advocate, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
- 12:25 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Send-Off for Legislative Visits**  
*Allie Godsey*, Legislative Advocacy Intern, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless  
*Kelly Turley*, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

## Schedule for the Afternoon Session

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Meetings with Legislators**