



Tuesday, February 27, 2018 · Great Hall, Massachusetts State House

Updated 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**
Kelly Turley, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
- 9:45 a.m. **Remarks from Elected Officials**
Representative James O’Day, House Chair, 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
Senate President Harriette Chandler, lead sponsor of An Act to Provide Identification to Homeless Youth and Families
Senator Joseph Boncore, Senate Chair, Joint Committees on Housing and Transportation
- 10:10 a.m. **Introduction and Overview of the Coalition’s FY’19 Budget and 2017-2018 Bill Priorities**
Tina Giarla, Community Organizer/Legislative Advocate, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Kelly Turley, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
- 10:35 a.m. **Remarks and Recommendations from Families, Youth, Adults, and Coalition Members on the Importance of Investing in Housing, Homelessness, and Benefits Programs, Part I**
Marybeth, Community Speaker, Worcester Fellowship
Christine, Community Speaker, Somerville Homeless Coalition
Julie Batten, Founding Director, Glass House Shelter Project
Jenny, Community Speaker
- 10:50 a.m. **Honoring Sister Linda Bessom**
 Sr. Linda Bessom, SND, Senior Outreach/Community Organizer, will be retiring from the Coalition after more than two decades of service. We are extremely grateful for her dedication, passion, compassion, and energy!
- 11:00 a.m. **Remarks from Elected Officials**
Senator Patricia Jehlen, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Marijuana Policy and lead Senate sponsor of An Act Relative to Assisting Elders and People with Disabilities in the Commonwealth
Senator Jamie Eldridge, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Financial Services, and lead sponsor of An Act Relative to the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program
- 11:15 a.m. **Remarks and Recommendations from Families, Youth, Adults, and Coalition Members on the Importance of Passing Key Legislation on Housing, Homelessness, and Benefits Programs, Part II**
Naphtalie Saint-Cyr, Community Speaker, Women’s Lunch Place
Dustin Parady, Community Speaker, Boston Youth Advisory Board
Maxwell Nashashuk, Community Speaker/Queer Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Advocate
Lynnette Martin, Community Speaker
Dr. Amanda Stewart, M.D., Boston Pediatrician
Olivia Richard, Community Speaker, Boston Center for Independent Living

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Savina Martin, Eastern Chair, Massachusetts Poor People's Campaign

- 11:50 a.m. **Remarks from Elected Officials**
Mayor Marc McGovern, Mayor and City Councillor, City of Cambridge and Convener of the Metro Boston Homelessness Summit
- 11:55 a.m. **Tips for Meeting with Legislative Offices**
Akriti Bhambi, Legislative Director, Office of Representative Marjorie Decker
Cinda Danh, Staff Director, Office of Representative Jim O'Day
Tina Giarla, Community Organizer/Legislative Advocate, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
- 12:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Send-Off for Legislative Visits**
Ana María Mesa, Legislative Advocacy Intern, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Kelly Turley, Associate Director, Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

Schedule for the Afternoon Session

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Meetings with Legislators**