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» Strengthening Behavioral Health Promotion and Upstream Prevention in Massachusetts

*A public hearing by the Legislative Commission on Behavioral Health
Promotion and Upstream Prevention in Massachusetts*

HOSTED BY

**The Massachusetts Technical Assistance Partnership for Prevention
(MassTAPP) & Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC)**

WHEN AND WHERE

Friday, December 15, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Education Development Center, Inc., 43 Foundry Avenue, Waltham, MA 02453
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Hear from experts about how our communities can work proactively to promote behavioral and mental health and well-being for all citizens and prevent problems such as depression, underage drinking, opioid use, interpersonal violence, and suicide.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:

- **A. Kathryn Power, MEd**, Regional Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- **Michael Botticelli**, Executive Director, Grayken Center for Addiction, Boston Medical Center; one of the leading addiction experts in the U.S., served as White House Director of National Drug Control Policy

YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Share your experience and expertise about what is working in behavioral health promotion and upstream prevention
- Identify potential barriers
- Share innovative solutions for fostering investments in proven promotion and prevention programs and system changes that will prevent behavioral health disorders in the Commonwealth



The Commission's Mission: Strengthening Prevention and Promotion

The Promote Prevent Commission is working to identify "evidence-based practices, programs, and systems to prevent behavioral health disorders and promote behavioral health." The Commission is zeroing in on three overarching questions:

- ❓ **What's working in behavioral health promotion and upstream prevention?**
- ❓ **How can we better fund what's working?**
- ❓ **What can we achieve if we fund what works?**

The Promote Prevent Commission Wants to Hear From You!

During this open hearing, the Commission, chaired by State Rep. Jim Cantwell, will be pleased to hear testimony from citizens, experts, officials, and prevention leaders. The Commission is focused on **prevention** and **promotion** programs, practices, and policies that can reduce behavioral health disorders, such as addiction and mental illness, and foster behavioral health. The Commission is **not** charged to address our treatment or recovery systems. Learn more about the Commission at PromotePrevent.com.

PROMOTION: Strategies designed to create environments and conditions that support behavioral health and the ability of individuals to withstand challenges

PREVENTION: Interventions intended to prevent or reduce the risks of developing a behavioral health problem, such as underage alcohol use, illicit drug use, or suicidality

Submitting Testimony

- **RSVP now at go.edc.org/PromotePrevent**
- Testifiers are encouraged to sign up by e-mailing your name, address, organization, and title (if applicable) to testimony@promoteprevent.com.
- Testifiers can also sign up outside the conference room on the day of the hearing.
- Public testimony will be limited to **3 minutes** per person, with additional time for Q&A..
- Panels are welcome.
- Written testimony is **strongly** encouraged and can be sent to testimony@promoteprevent.com.
- E-mail any questions to benjamin.thomas@mahouse.gov or mackenzie@promoteprevent.com.

ABOUT

The Massachusetts Technical Assistance Partnership for Prevention (MassTAPP)

MassTAPP works to improve public health by supporting community-based substance use prevention efforts across the state. www.masstapp.edc.org

Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC)

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Promote Prevent Commission

This special commission is tasked with developing the "Promote Prevent" Plan focused on programs, systems changes, and practices to prevent behavioral health disorders, including mental, emotional, and addictive disorders. The commission is made up of 24 agency leaders, legislators, expert organizations, and governor appointees. www.promoteprevent.com