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Job Opportunity

Department of Public Health
Director of the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention
Program (MTCP)

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is seeking an experienced public health professional to join the leadership team within the Bureau of Community Health and Prevention (BCHAP) to serve as Director of the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program (MTCP). Massachusetts has long been a national leader in tobacco cessation and prevention, most recently becoming the first in the nation to restrict flavored tobacco products, including mint and menthol. DPH is looking for a dynamic and visionary leader to continue championing strategies to counter tobacco industry tactics and reduce the health and economic burden of tobacco in the Commonwealth.

Click on the following link to apply:

<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=2300030D>

March 2, 2023

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Dear Public Health Colleague,

Thank you for joining the LBOH webinar on Tuesday, February 28th.

- Click [here](#) to view the slides from Tuesday's 2/28 webinar.
- Submit your questions and recommended topics by Wednesday, March 8, at noon. localregionalpublichealth@mass.gov
- The next webinar is scheduled on March 14, 2023, at 3 pm.

Register for LBOH 2023 Webinars

- Click on the following Zoom link to register for the 2023 webinars:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8PytNXtFSMm8T2woJkGZMQ

Please note the Zoom link is a recurring link. You only need to register one time. Save the invite to your calendar.

Finally, we want to ensure that our webinar is accessible to our audience. If you need accommodations, such as American Sign language (ASL) or Closed Caption, please email Lisa McCarthy-Licorish at lisa.n.mccarthy-licorish@mass.gov.

What's New in the Newsletter

[Key Information and Resources Mentioned in Webinars](#)

COVID-19 Isolation and Exposure Guidance for the General Public

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

- [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#)
 - [ACIP COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations](#)
 - [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
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Opioid Settlement Information and Resources

- [DRAFT Massachusetts Opioid Settlement Abatement Expenditure and Programmatic Report – FY23](#)
- [Participating Subdivisions, by Statewide Opioid Settlement](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About the AG's Statewide Opioid Settlements](#)
- [Municipal Abatement Payments](#)
- [State-Subdivision Agreement](#)
- [Approved Programs and Strategies](#)
- [Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council](#)
- [Guidance for Municipalities Utilizing Opioid Settlement Abatement Payments](#)

If you have questions about the final statewide opioid settlements, the new statewide opioid settlements, the municipal sign-on process, or municipal abatement funds, please contact the AGO at: MAOpioidSettlements@mass.gov

DPH-Bureau of Substance Addiction and Services welcomes comments or suggestions on:

1. What have you done or what you are planning to do?
2. What would you find helpful related to community input, strategy selection, or implementation?

Submit your answers, comments or questions to: DPHMuniOpioidAbatementQs@mass.gov

Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB)

*MAHB will provide legal technical assistance. Contact Cheryl Sbarra at sbarra@mahb.org.

- [Appropriation of Opioid Settlement Funds](#)
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Massachusetts Statewide Opioid Settlement Funds- AGO/DPH Virtual Forum

The Attorney General's Office and the Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Addiction Services and Office of Local and Regional Health will hold a virtual forum about the statewide opioid settlements on **Tuesday, March 7 at 3:00 - 4:30 PM ET**.

The forum will provide information about five new proposed settlements with Allergan, Teva, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens, including information on what municipalities need to do to sign on to these settlements by the April 18, 2023, deadline.

Attendees will learn about the settlement participation process, details about the abatement funds that will be available to participating municipalities from these new settlements, and strategies for community engagement in the use of opioid settlement funds. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

We invite municipalities, local health boards, community organizations and the public to attend this forum.

[Register here!](#)

OLRH Upcoming Office Hours

The Office of Local and Regional Health will be providing office hours for the following projects:

Field Training Hubs

The Special Commission on Local and Regional Health identified gaps in training and workforce development and recommended workforce standards. The existing training infrastructure which has gaps for competency development does include asynchronous self-paced training that allows for the attainment of basic knowledge for local public health work (tier 1) and classroom cohort-based training that allows for in depth knowledge-based competency (tier 2).

- Wednesday, March 15, 3pm-4pm
- Thursday, March 16, 10am-11am
- Tuesday, March 28, 1:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday, March 29, 1pm-2pm

Contact Erica at: Erica.m.Piedade@mass.gov to confirm date and time you would like to meet.

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Performance Standards (join on Zoom)

OLRH will hold drop-in Office Hours available to any municipalities that work with separate Inspectional Service Departments (ISD) in performing public health functions. As we roll out the Phase 1 Performance Standards, we would like to hear directly from you any of the unique challenges or concerns you may be facing presented by this arrangement.

- [Tue, Mar 7, 12:30-1:30pm](#)
- [Thu, Mar 9, 12:00-1:00pm](#)

[Other LPH-Related Information](#)

[Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Bulletins](#) (updated 02.28.2023)

MassHealth Office of Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Roadmap

[Roadmap for Behavioral Health](#) helps "people in Massachusetts get the mental health and substance use care they need, when and where they need it. Through a 24/7 Behavioral Health Help Line (BHHL) and statewide network of Community Behavioral Health Centers (CBHCs), the Roadmap connects people with supportive services right in their communities".

The [Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line](#) is available 24/7, 365 days per year and is available for all residents of Massachusetts. Call or text 833-773-2445. Click [here](#) to visit the website and to chat online.

New Resources:

- A [one-pager](#) describing the main elements of the new services we discussed at the meeting that is Member-facing.
 - A [one-pager](#) that has a bit more detail and is intended to be stakeholder-facing (i.e., this could be posted in a cubicle or office for reference by staff at Local Boards of Health and other offices of those who are in community-facing roles).
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Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance

As you are aware, during the pandemic extra Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits have been available each month to help families buy food (minimum of extra \$95/month per household). [Due to recent action by the federal government, these benefits are ending February 2023](#). This means that over 640,000 households in Massachusetts will receive their last extra federal SNAP payment next Thursday March 2, 2023.

Reminder that [outreach materials are available in 16 languages](#) - including flyers, text/email /robocall templates and social media posts, as well as [videos](#) in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language (ASL).

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

- [In the Main \(Drinking Water Program Updates\) 02-24-2023](#)
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Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

[New Public Health Scholarship Program Focuses on Next Generation of Rural Health Leaders](#)

Apply by August 13

The Rural Health Innovation Program at Berkley Public Health will offer 100 fully paid scholarships to eligible online students seeking a Master's in Public Health to support leadership development for rural public health leaders. The program, with backing from the [Barr-Campbell Foundation](#), was announced at the recent National Rural Health Association Policy Institute and will also cover other expenses such as books, fees, and travel expenses. Within that cohort, the program will also support 10 scholars with an interest in activating change to focus on rural policy efforts.

MassHealth Redetermination

NEW! MassHealth Redetermination Outreach Materials now in 8 languages plus English!

Toolkit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-eligibility-redetermination-outreach-toolkit>

Due to the ending of the pandemic public health emergency, MassHealth will soon return to standard annual eligibility renewal processes. Over the coming year, all current MassHealth members will need to renew their information to ensure they still qualify for their current MassHealth coverage. These renewals will take place over 12 months. MassHealth is working with its partners to make sure members know how to renew their coverage and are aware of other affordable health coverage options if needed.

Outreach materials including social media messaging are in the Toolkit:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-eligibility-redetermination-outreach-toolkit>

Click [here](#) to view the new Massachusetts Vaccine Confidence Project website. The project is "committed to increasing vaccine confidence and ensuring that all Massachusetts residents are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases".

[Career Opportunities](#)

[Mass Careers Job Opportunities](#)

[Find Your Future Commonwealth Jobs](#) across industries including health and human services, transportation, IT, finance, housing and economic development, energy and environmental, public safety and security, and education.

[Academic Public Health Corps - Opportunities](#)

- [Jobs in Local Health](#)
- [Join The Corps \(for student interns\)](#)

[Comments/Suggestions](#)

If you have any comments/questions or concerns, please send them to: localregionalpublichealth@mass.gov

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