

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION HOLDS MEETING ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

Consults Scarlett Lewis, mom of Sandy Hook victim and social-emotional learning champion; Thomas Abt, former Obama DOJ Leader; and Molly Baldwin, leader of Chelsea-based ROCA

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Boston, MA....Special Legislative Commission on Behavioral Health Promotion and Upstream Prevention convenes meeting on Preventing Violence and Serving At-Risk Youth on Thursday, October 12th, 1:30PM-3:00PM in room 428.

#### **Presentations from:**

- **Scarlett Lewis**, founder of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation; author of Nurturing, Healing, Love; and mom of Jesse Lewis who was murdered at Sandy Hook Elementary School along with 19 of his classmates
- **Thomas Abt**, Senior Research Fellow, Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School; Frm. Deputy Secretary for Public Safety, New York; National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, Frm. Chief of Staff, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. DOJ
- **Molly Baldwin** Founder and Chief Executive Officer, ROCA, a Mass pay-for-success provider that offers services for high-risk young people
- **Ben Fulton & Steve Lize**, Massachusetts Results First

The Promote Prevent Commission (signed into law in Aug. 2016) is tasked with identifying barriers and innovative solutions to prevent behavioral health issues, including mental illness, addiction, and violence.

The Commission is chaired by Rep. Jim Cantwell and includes 24 public and private leaders across the behavioral health, criminal justice, prevention, addiction, and healthcare fields.

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission, which has convened local, state, and national leaders and experts, including U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, HHS Secretary Sudders, experts from the Institute of Medicine, and local prevention coalition leaders.

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**Special Legislative Commission on  
Behavioral Health Promotion and Upstream Prevention**

**Preventing Violence and Serving At-Risk Youth**

1:30PM-3:00PM, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Room 428

Massachusetts State House, Boston, MA

- I. **WELCOME**.....1:30PM-1:35PM
  
- II. **POWER OF SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING**.....1:35PM-1:50PM  
Scarlett Lewis, Founder, Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement
  
- III. **PREVENTING YOUTH VIOLENCE**.....1:50PM-2:20PM  
Thomas Abt, Senior Research Fellow, Center for International  
Development, Harvard Kennedy School  
Frm. Deputy Secretary for Public Safety, New York  
National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, Frm. Chief of Staff, Office  
of Justice Programs, U.S. DOJ
  
- IV. **TRANSFORMING LIVES: Less Jail, More Future**.....2:20PM-2:45PM  
Molly Baldwin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, ROCA  
(1 of 3 Massachusetts Pay-for-Success Projects)
  
- V. **UPDATE ON RESULTS FIRST PARTNERSHIP**.....2:45PM-3:00PM  
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Steve Lize