

PROMOTE PREVENT

THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROMOTION AND UPSTREAM PREVENTION INVITES YOU TO TESTIFY AT A PUBLIC HEARING HOSTED BY BID-PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL:

1030AM, Thursday, November 2nd, 2017
Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Plymouth
Funkhouser Conference Room (lower level of Bailey Building)
275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth. MA 02360

THE MISSION OF THE PROMOTEPREVENT COMMISSION:

The Commission is tasked with investigating “evidence-based practices, programs and systems to prevent behavioral health disorders and promote behavioral health across the commonwealth.” The Commission is zeroing in on three overarching questions:

1. What’s working in behavioral health promotion and upstream prevention?
2. How can we better fund what’s working?
3. What can we achieve if we fund what works?

THE 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 to help answer the questions above or any aspect of its legal charge. The Commission is charged with focusing on *prevention* and *promotion* programs, practices, and policies relating to behavioral health issues, including addiction, mental illness, and violence. The Commission is *not* charged with addressing our treatment or recovery systems.

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:

1. Testifiers are encouraged to sign up by e-mailing your name, address / organization, and title (if applicable) to testimony@promoteprevent.com
2. Testifiers can also sign up to testify outside the conference room at the hearing
3. Public testimony will be limited to 3 minutes with additional time for Q/A
4. Written testimony is encouraged and can be sent to testimony@promoteprevent.com
5. Any questions: e-mail Benjamin.thomas@mahouse.gov or mackenzie@promoteprevent.com

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