

**Massachusetts Special Legislative Commission on Postpartum Depression (PPD)**  
**Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 5:30-7:30 PM**  
**House Members' Lounge, State House, Boston**  
**Minutes**

**Commissioners present:** Representative Ellen Story (Chair); Senator Joan Lovely (Chair); Jamie Belsito; Beth Buxton on behalf of Karin Downs Dr. Lee Cohen; Jessie Colbert; Gail DeRiggi (on behalf of Commissioner Thomas Weber); Elizabeth Fluet; Liz Friedman; Margaret Hannah; Dr. Gordon Harper; Dr. Julie Johnston; Divya Kumar; Peggy Kaufman; Kerry LaBounty; Dr. Monica Le; Rep. James O'Day; Rebecca Butler; Dr. Joshua Sparrow; Eileen Terlaga; Dr. Michael Yogman.

**Commissioners absent:** Kristen Alexander; Dr. Barrie Baker; Karen Crowley; Rep. Kimberly Ferguson; Sen. Jennifer Flanagan; Mary Elizabeth Gamache; Dr. Janice Goodman; Sen. Thomas McGee; Dr. Tiffany Moore Simas; Sen. Thomas McGee; Rep. Denise Provost; Sen. Richard Ross; Rep. Tom Sannicandro; Dr. Alison Schonwald; Dr. Jayne Singer.

**Commission staff present:** Yaminette Diaz-Linhart, Aide to Rep. Story  
Members of the public and other state employees were also present.

**1. Welcome; approval of minutes**

Rep. Ellen Story welcomed Commission members and guests. All of those in attendance introduced themselves. The Commission approved the minutes from the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting.

**2. PPD C omission transition and new PPD Commissioners**

Rep. Ellen Story introduced new PPD Commissioners and the new Representative co-chair after her retirement, Rep. Jim O'Day.

**3. An overview of Program In Support of Moms (PRISM) by Dr. Nancy Byatt**

Dr. Nancy Byatt from MCPAP for Moms reported results on PRISM pilot implementation study.

**5. Reports and discussion of PPD initiatives**

Department of Public Health PPD Initiatives: Beth Buxton reported on changes to PPD regulations to include OB and Pediatric practices for PPD screening.

Moving Beyond Depression Initiative: Liz Torres gave a brief overview of the program and urged Commission members to think about quality of mental health services for PPD in the Commonwealth.

PPD Community Health Center Pilots: The PPD pilots have wound down; no new updates.

Best Practices Conference idea: Jamie Belsito proposed a conference idea to the PPD Commission to showcase MA best-practices for policy-level work on PPD related initiatives.

PPD Subcommittees: PPD Resources subcommittee presented the website logic model to update the DPH website on PPD. All other subcommittees continue to wrap up their work.

**6. Other announcements**

- PPD Commission members and friends thanked Rep. Ellen Story for her work and wished her well for her retirement in 2017.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.