

## **Organizational Members of the Massachusetts Mental Health Parity Coalition**

### **Health Law Advocates**

Health Law Advocates (HLA) is a non-profit public interest law firm that serves some of the Commonwealth's most vulnerable populations. HLA provides pro bono legal representation to low-income Massachusetts residents who have been unjustly denied health care access and those who are burdened with unaffordable medical debt.

### **Health Care For All**

Health Care For All (HCFA) is a statewide consumer health advocacy organization in Massachusetts. HCFA seeks to create a patient-centered health care system that provides comprehensive, affordable, accessible, culturally competent, high quality care and consumer education for all Massachusetts residents, especially the most vulnerable among us.

### **Association for Behavioral Healthcare**

The Association for Behavioral Healthcare (ABH) is a statewide association representing over eighty community-based mental health and addiction treatment provider organizations. Our members are the primary providers of publicly-funded behavioral healthcare services in the Commonwealth, serving approximately 81,000 Massachusetts residents daily and over three-quarters of a million residents annually, and employing 37,500 people.

### **Boston Children's Hospital**

Boston Children's Hospital operates a 395-bed inpatient facility, as well as outpatient services through over 40 clinical programs and 250 specialized services. The hospital is the primary pediatric teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, training close to 1,000 residents and fellows each year, and is home to the world's largest research enterprise based at a pediatric hospital. Committed to improving the health and well-being of all children and families, Boston Children's works with partners and programs to address the most pressing community health needs, including mental health.

### **Children's Mental Health Campaign**

The Children's Mental Health Campaign (CMHC) is an innovative children's mental health system reform effort uniting more than 140 organizations in mental health, healthcare law, child welfare, family advocacy, and health policy into a dynamic coalition working together for systemic change.

### **Community Catalyst**

Community Catalyst is a national nonprofit advocacy organization that works to build the consumer and community leadership that is required to transform the American health system. We work to ensure quality affordable health care for all, including access to prevention, coverage, treatment and recovery services for substance use disorders.

### **Gosnold**

Gosnold is the leading provider of addiction and mental health services on Cape Cod. Founded in 1972, our rich history of innovative programming and commitment to excellence has made Gosnold a program of choice for addiction treatment. Throughout our history we have been committed to developing innovative programs that meet the needs of patients and families.

**Greater Boston Legal Services**

Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) provides free civil legal assistance to low-income people in Boston and certain other Massachusetts cities and towns. GBLS' mission is to provide free legal assistance to as many low-income families as possible to help them secure some of the most basic necessities of life. GBLS offers help ranging from legal advice to full case representation, depending on client need.

**Massachusetts Association of Behavioral Health Systems**

The Massachusetts Association of Behavioral Health Systems (MABHS) is the only trade association in Massachusetts whose central mission is to focus on inpatient psychiatric and substance abuse issues. The MABHS consists of 50 inpatient facilities statewide; its member facilities have over 2,200 beds, and admit over 60,000 patients on an annual basis. Its members include freestanding psychiatric hospitals; substance abuse facilities; and psychiatric units in acute general hospitals.

**Massachusetts Association for Mental Health**

The Massachusetts Association for Mental Health (MAMH) is a private, non-profit tax-exempt Massachusetts corporation based in Boston, MA and a leading voice for the creation of services for people with mental illnesses. MAMH works with individuals with mental illness and their family members or friends to help them access services, whether housing, treatment, education, employment, or health insurance.

**Massachusetts Association for Occupational Therapy**

MAOT provides a professional network for its members while developing and preserving occupational therapy as a profession. MAOT serves the interests of its members by representing the profession to the public and promoting better access to, and understanding of, occupational therapy. It is through the professional and dedicated service of the many hundreds of occupational therapists throughout Massachusetts that occupational therapy is viewed as vital in helping individuals, including the elderly, children, and the disabled to lead independent, satisfying, and productive lives.

**Massachusetts College of Emergency Physicians**

The Massachusetts College of Emergency Physicians (MACEP) is dedicated to advancing excellence in emergency care, and advocating for emergency physicians, their patients and the health of the community.

**Massachusetts Hospital Association**

The Massachusetts Hospital Association (MHA) is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization comprised of hospitals and health systems, related organizations, and other members with a common interest in promoting the good health of the people of the Commonwealth. The MHA's mission is to advance the health of individuals and communities by serving as the leading voice for all Massachusetts hospitals and healthcare systems and to help them provide high quality, cost-effective and accessible healthcare.

**Massachusetts Law Reform Institute**

The Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI) is a statewide nonprofit poverty law and policy center. Its mission is to advance economic, racial and social justice through legal action, policy advocacy, coalition building, and community outreach. MLRI specializes in large-scale legal initiatives and systemic reforms that address the root causes of poverty, remove barriers to opportunity, and create a path to economic stability and mobility for low-income individuals, families and communities. In addition, MLRI serves as the statewide poverty law support center for the Massachusetts civil legal services delivery system, providing expertise and support to local legal aid programs and also to social service, health care and human service providers, and other community organizations that serve low income people.

**Massachusetts Psychological Association**

The Massachusetts Psychological Association (MPA) is the professional association for psychologists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The purpose of the Massachusetts Psychological Association is to advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare.

**Massachusetts Psychiatric Society**

Massachusetts Psychiatric Society (MPS) represents the majority of psychiatrists in Massachusetts. MPS members are physicians who are committed to providing outstanding medical/psychiatric care through accurate diagnosis and comprehensive treatment of mental health and emotional illnesses. MPS seeks to achieve this goal by promoting public and professional education, legislation that addresses the needs and rights of the mentally and emotionally ill, and by advocating for the allocation of public and private resources for treatment, research, and education.

**Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery**

The Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR) mission includes organizing recovering individuals, families and friends into a collective voice to educate the public about the value of recovery from alcohol and other addictions. MOAR has received state and national recognition for its efforts.

**Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children**

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of children through direct services to children and families and public advocacy on their behalf.

**Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee**

In 1973 the Massachusetts Legislature established the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee (MHLAC) to secure and protect the legal rights of persons involved in mental health and retardation programs in the Commonwealth. MHLAC works to enhance and protect the rights of persons with mental health concerns in key areas most closely related to their ability to live full and independent lives free of discrimination.

**National Alliance for Mental Illness - Massachusetts**

The mission of NAMI Mass is to improve the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families. NAMI Mass carries out its mission by building awareness and working to change the perceptions of mental illness thereby reducing stigma. We work at the grass roots, state and national levels to motivate policy change and increase funding and services for people with mental health needs.

**National Association of Social Workers – Massachusetts Chapter**

Founded in 1955, NASW is the largest professional social work organization in the United States, with more than 130,000 members. NASW is committed to advancing professional social work practice and the profession and to promoting human rights, social and economic justice, and unimpeded access to services for everyone.

**Partners Psychiatry and Mental Health**

Partners Psychiatry and Mental Health (PPMH) is a program of Partners Healthcare, a non-profit health system in Massachusetts. PPMH supports community-based health services that address mental health needs of the community with particular focus on underserved segments of the population. Programs include assessment, individual and family counseling and psychopharmacology.