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News Flash - Location Change for December 9
EOHHS Budget Hearings for FY 2013

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EOHHS Budget Hearings Scheduled for Next Two Fridays

Greetings!

On Tuesday, we sent out a News Flash detailing the upcoming public hearings on the EOHHS (Executive Office of Health and Human Services) FY 2013 budget. Since then, the location of the Boston hearing on Friday, December 9 has been changed to the Agganis Arena at Boston University. The scheduled time remains the same.



We are attaching flyers for both hearings with more details:

[Boston Flyer \(Updated\)](#)

[Northampton Flyer](#)

from Paul Spooner, Executive Director

Announcement from EOHHS Secretary JudyAnn Bigby

"The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) will be conducting two public hearings on the upcoming Fiscal Year 2013 budget. Secretary JudyAnn Bigby, M.D., and the Assistant Secretaries at EOHHS are looking forward to hearing the views of members of the community regarding the agencies under their purview. The hearings will be held on:



Friday, December 2, 2011 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Department of Mental Health Western Massachusetts Area Office
Northampton Haskell Building
1 Prince Street
Northampton, MA 01061

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Note change of venue:
Friday, December 9, 2011 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.
Agganis Arena at Boston University
Francis D. Burke Club Room
925 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA 02215

Since FY09, the Patrick-Murray Administration, in partnership with the Legislature, has solved over \$14 billion in cumulative budgetary shortfalls. Because of several one-time revenue sources and the continued demand for services, FY13 will be challenging and require cuts and reductions and the need for the Administration to make difficult decisions.

To overcome this budget challenge, we will need to work together to reexamine all public services and their delivery and find innovative solutions so that we can continue our mission with minimal disruption. Governor Patrick, Secretary Bigby and all of us at EOHHS are seeking your input about the best ways to preserve core services to the fullest extent possible without additional expenditures.

Due to the number of individuals anticipated to attend the hearings, oral testimony will be limited to three minutes per individual. In the interest of time, representative panels are welcome and will be limited to a total of five minutes of oral testimony. If you need accommodations please call 617-573-1600 and let the receptionist know. Additionally, if you are planning to present oral testimony at the Boston hearing, please note that you must be in the building by no later than 5:50 p.m.

Written testimony is also strongly encouraged and may be mailed to:

Secretary JudyAnn Bigby, EOHHS
One Ashburton Place, Room 1109, Boston, MA 02108

Or emailed to:

eoahshearings@massmail.state.ma.us

...note that if you are interested in providing oral testimony, you only need to attend one of the two hearings."

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