

April 2026 SMHPC Meeting

Christine Tosti DMH client: I'm Christine Tosti, a DMH client raising my own service dog David Bowie. my most important goal in life is to become self employed as a consultant specific to re-entry and incarceration. I would like to bring my dog to jails and prisons giving talks, presentations, and demonstrations of force free positive reinforcement dog training with my own dog. Please be in touch if you'd like to know more about what I can offer. Beth is correct. the system is not accessible to those who are incarcerated. christine.e.tosti@gmail.com

Is there a prepared statement about these c... by Sarah Swart

Lucas, Beth (DMH): [Emily Bailey Appointed Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health | Mass.gov](#)

Jonathan: Hi! More permanent housing! <https://www.mass-smhpc.org/housing-subcommittee-resources/>

Cassie Cramer: RSVP to OABH Conference:
<https://secure.everyaction.com/xNnygBD4dEC4nTFHrKc0rQ2>

Katie Ryan:

Membership Workgroup April 14 12:30p-1:30p.

Communicate interest to Kate Alicante: katealicante@mamh.org

or Jill Gichuhi: jGichuhi@namimass.org

Housing Access Collaboration April 9, 10a-11a. Communicate interest to Katie Ryan:

kryan@riversidecc.org or Ben Bailey: benjamin.bailey@briencenter.org

Housing Subcommittee general mailbox: housingsubcommittee@gmail.com

For more information on the Statewide Young... by Clouse, AnnaCady D

Clouse, Anna Cady: For more information on the Statewide Young Adult Council:
youthmovema@ppal.net

Christine Tosti DMH client: The Prison Book program in Quincy is really important, i volunteer here and more people need to know this place exists. FREE BOOKS to incarcerated people <https://prisonbookprogram.org/>

Christine Tosti DMH client: this was written by incarcerated people the Lifers Group among others in MCI Norfolk. this is brilliant work. please listen to these guys. they know better than anyone. <https://plsma.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Creating-Meaningful-Public-Safety-A-Briefing-on-the-MA-DOC.pdf>

Christine Tosti DMH client: This is a presentation i gave about the need for education in jails and prisons for the state's rehabilitation advisory council a few years ago <https://www.mass.gov/doc/src-incarceration-diversion-presentation/download>

Shoutout to my service dog trainer Sharon who wrote this about how dogs can change lives for autistic people like me. i figured out how to get Sharon paid through vocational rehab funds by appealing over and over. <https://atyour servicedogtraining.com/autism-service-dog-for-me-or-my-child/>

Cormier, Michelle "CO" (DMH)

[OBHPP: What's on your mind? Campaign: Learn about caring for your mental well-being](https://www.mass.gov)
www.mass.gov

Christine Tosti DMH client: Human animal bond research <https://habri.org/>

My Dog Is My Home: <https://www.mydogismyhome.org/>