

Press Release:

Mass Home Care's 33rd Annual Meeting June 20th



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Sen. Barbara L'Italien
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STATEWIDE--Mass Home Care will hold its 33rd Annual Meeting at the Boston Marriott Burlington beginning at 11:30 am on Monday, June 20th.

Featured speakers include **Andrew Dreyfus**, President & CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Elder Affairs Secretary **Alice Bonner**, Representative **Denise Garlick**, Senators **Pat Jehlen** and **Barbara L'Italien**.

Veteran Executive Directors **Lou Swan**, Elder Services of Worcester Area, and **Joan Butler**, Minuteman Senior Services, will be honored for the legacy of their work.

Mass Home Care was founded in 1986 as a network of 29 non-profit, community-controlled care management and advocacy agencies whose goal is to help elders and people with disabilities live independently at home.

Mass Home Care members, known as "Aging Services Access Points," and "Area Agencies on Aging," are independent, conflict-free agencies who assess what elders need to live at home, but do not own the services they authorize, so there is no financial incentive to provide more than what is needed. On any given day, as many as 70,000 people are being managed by the ASAP members alone.

By law, half of the board members of ASAPs are comprised of locally-appointed senior citizens.

The state home care program that these agencies manage was created in the mid 1970s to deal with all the non-medical service supports that are needed to keep people at home. Health care services alone are often not sufficient to guarantee independence. ASAPs can authorize personal care supports, like help with eating, bathing, dressing, and toileting, as well as cooking, shopping and cleaning.

In addition, these agencies provide many other long term supports, including protective services, care transitions management, supportive and congregate housing, transportation assistance, meals on wheels, money management, health insurance counseling, healthy living workshops, and information and referral.

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HOW TO GET TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Mass Home Care's 33rd. Annual Meeting: Driving Directions to the Burlington Marriott

**Address: One Burlington Mall Road
Burlington, MA 01803
Phone: 1-781-869-8000**



From the North:

Get on Route 128 South. Take Exit 33B (Burlington) straight through the lights. Hotel is on the left.

From the south, east or west:

Get on route 128/I-95 North to Exit 33B Burlington MA. Left at light. Hotel is on the left.

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