



Mass Aging Access Fall Conference
Wednesday, September 23, 2026
9:00am to 4:00pm
Boxboro Regency Hotel

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Practical Approaches for Today's Challenges and Tomorrow's Opportunities

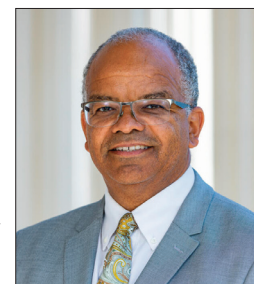
Opening Remarks: Robin Lipson



Robin Lipson is the Secretary of the Executive Office of Aging & Independence (AGE) and leads the agency's vision of becoming a state where every person has the tools, resources, and support they need to age how and where they want. Under her leadership, AGE values community, connection, and personal choice for

Massachusetts' aging population. She leads the agency in implementing community-based health and wellness supports that enable residents to age in community, rather than a nursing home or similar long-term care facility.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Kiame Mahaniah



Dr. Kiame Mahaniah is the Secretary of Health and Human Services. As the top health and human services official in Massachusetts and a practicing physician in the field of addiction and primary care, Secretary Mahaniah champions his vision of equity and dignity for all people. He has spent the past two decades shaping and leading health care initiatives in community health settings across Massachusetts. Prior to joining the Healey-Driscoll Administration first as Undersecretary for Health in 2023, he served as the CEO of Lynn Community Health Center where he led the transition away from a traditional fee-for-service payment.

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2026 Conference Program

9:00am to 9:45am: Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Visit Exhibitor Tables

9:50am to 10:05am: Opening Remarks from Betsey Crimmins of MAA & Robin Lipson, Secretary of AGE

10:15am to 11:15am: Morning Breakout Session #1

- **The Impact of Federal Medicaid Changes on MassHealth Members** (Jarred Damico/MassHealth)
- **Problem Management Plus: A Mental Health Model Used by Non-Clinical Providers** (Annie Fowler/SCES)
- **Understanding Nursing Facility Clinical Eligibility for Community Consumers** (Desiree Kelley and Melissa Enos/AGE & Naomi Tang/AgeSpan)
- **TransGeneration: A Foundation for Working with Transgender and Gender Diverse Older Adults** (Lisa Krinsky/LGBTQIA+ Aging Project)

11:30am to 12:30pm: Morning Breakout Session #2

- **Beyond the Buzz: A Practical Path to AI for Organizations** (Chris Grasso/FASTx Partners, Andrew Blanchette/SCES, Zach Boyer/Coastline, & Jim Santiago/AgeSpan)
- **Turning Tension into Traction: How to Help Challenging Clients** (Gail Leichtman & Erin Whalen/Your Elder Experts)
- **Harnessing the Power of Documentation: How to create timely, accurate, and person-centered records** (Lynn Vidler, Devon Garon, Taryn Lee-Turgeon, Shannon Turner & Desiree Kelley/AGE)
- **MFP Demonstration: Program Overview, Integration, and Operationalization** (Lisa Jimenez/MVES, Carissa Kushmerek & Vanessa Mederios/AGE)

12:30pm to 1:10pm: Networking Lunch / Visit Exhibitor Tables

1:10pm to 1:40pm: Keynote Speaker Dr. Kiame Mahaniah, Secretary of Health and Human Services

1:45pm to 2:45pm: Afternoon Breakout Session #1

- **PCA 101 and Programmatic Changes** (Sherri Hannigan & Danielle Ridge/MassHealth)
- **Seen, Supported, Safe: Recognizing and Responding to Depression and Suicidal Ideation** (Dr. Ana Trueba Yeppez/McLean Hospital)
- **Bridging the Gap: Effective ASAP-to-ASAP Consumer Transfers** (Devon Garon, Carissa Kushmerek, Brian Glennon & Shannon Turner/AGE)
- **Supporting a Culture of Quality Improvement: The Respect for People Roadmap** (Dawn Hobill/AGE & Kelly Ensor/Highland Valley Elder Services)

3:00p to 4:00pm: Afternoon Breakout Session #2

- **Care Without Walls: Understanding Massachusetts' Hospital at Home and Mobile Integrated Health Programs** (Adam Delmolino, MHA & Dr. Michael Kalfopoulos, UMass Memorial Health)
- **Compassion Fatigue: The Hidden Cost of Caring - and How to Reclaim It** (Kristin Gauthier/Nourish Co Wellness)
- **Driving Staff Efficiency Through Technology** (Lynn Vidler, Devon Garon & Vanessa Mederios/AGE, Julie Arena, Jason Dwyer & Christine Johnson/ASNCM, Sharon Thompson & Scott Szymczak/Tri-Valley)
- **Caregivers as Economic Citizens: A Replicable Grant Model** (Molly Evans/AGE, Holly Jarrell-Marcinelli/GLSS & Stacie Amedio Alpert/Boston Senior Home Care)

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