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Massachusetts Health Data Consortium Announces 2026 Dolores L. Mitchell Investing in Information Award Honorees

Hannah Galvin, Barbra Rabson, and The Mass Collaborative to be recognized for leadership in using information and collaboration to improve health care

Cambridge, Mass. — November 16, 2026 — The Massachusetts Health Data Consortium (MHDC) today announced its 2026 Dolores L. Mitchell Investing in Information Award honorees: Hannah Galvin, MD; Barbra G. Rabson, MPH; and The Mass Collaborative. As part of the recognition of The Mass Collaborative, MHDC will also honor four participating organizations: the Massachusetts Medical Society, Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, as well as the individuals who have represented these organizations in advancing the Collaborative's work.

Since 1996, MHDC's Investing in Information Awards have honored organizations and individuals that have invested capital, knowledge and leadership to use information to innovate health care delivery, technology, financing and policy. The award was renamed in 2013 in honor of longtime MHDC supporter and Board Member Dolores L. Mitchell, former Executive Director of the Group Insurance Commission for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mitchell led the Group Insurance Commission for 29 years, overseeing health and other benefits for more than 430,000 public employees, retirees and family members. During her tenure, she became a prominent force in Massachusetts health care reform, using data, purchasing strategies and payment incentives to advance quality, accountability, transparency and cost-conscious care. Mitchell will join MHDC at this year's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon to personally present the awards that bear her name.

> *"This year's honorees show what it means to invest in information: build trusted measures, make data work for patients and communities, and bring organizations together to solve problems no one organization can solve alone. We are especially honored that Dolores Mitchell will join us to present the awards that bear her name."*
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> **— Denny Brennan, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium**

Hannah Galvin, MD

Hannah Galvin, Chief Health Information Officer at Cambridge Health Alliance, is being recognized for leadership at the intersection of clinical care, interoperability, patient access, privacy, health equity and responsible technology. Her work has focused on creating a health information environment in which data can be shared effectively while respecting patient preferences and addressing disparities in access and outcomes.

MHDC is honoring Galvin for advancing a more connected, equitable and trustworthy digital health ecosystem and for demonstrating how thoughtful information policy, standards and technology can strengthen care for patients and communities.

Barbra G. Rabson, MPH

Barbra Rabson, Associate Faculty, Ariadne Labs, and former President and CEO of the Massachusetts Health Quality Partners (MHQP), is being recognized for nearly three decades of leadership in health care measurement, public reporting, patient experience and collaborative improvement. Under her leadership, MHQP became a trusted statewide resource for bringing together providers, health plans, purchasers, policymakers and patients around shared information and common improvement goals.

MHDC is honoring Rabson for her sustained commitment to making meaningful information available and actionable, elevating the patient voice in quality measurement, and strengthening Massachusetts' capacity to measure, understand and improve health care.

The Mass Collaborative

The Mass Collaborative is being recognized for sustained cross-sector work to simplify health care administration through standardization, electronic exchange and payer-provider collaboration. The voluntary partnership brings together health plans, providers and trade associations to develop common approaches to administrative challenges including eligibility, credentialing, claims review and appeals, prior authorization, provider information changes and payer-provider communications.

Because the Collaborative's progress depends on participating organizations committing leadership and resources to shared solutions, MHDC will also recognize four organizations whose sustained participation has been instrumental to the work, together with the individuals who have advanced the Collaborative on their organizations' behalf:

- Massachusetts Medical Society: Theodore A. Calianos II, MD, Executive Vice President and CEO; and Yael Miller, Executive Director, Practice Solutions and Strategic Planning
- Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association: Michael Sroczynski, Interim President and CEO; and Karen Granoff, Senior Director, Payer Relations and Managed Care Policy
- Massachusetts Association of Health Plans: Lora Pellegrini, President and CEO; Elizabeth Leahy, Esq., Senior Vice President of Advocacy and Engagement and Chief of Staff; and Alyson Durlin, Senior Policy Analyst
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts: Richard Lynch, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Shane Rawson, Senior Director of Inter-Plan Programs and Shared Services; and Leah Dart, Senior Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs

These organizations and their representatives have helped bring physician, hospital and health system, health plan and payer perspectives to the table, working across traditional organizational boundaries to identify shared challenges and move practical solutions into implementation.

The awards will be presented at the MHDC 2026 Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, December 15. The event is open to MHDC members and invited guests. For more information, visit the MHDC event page.

About the Dolores L. Mitchell Investing in Information Award

MHDC established the Investing in Information Award in 1996 to recognize individuals and organizations whose investment of capital, knowledge and leadership has advanced health care through information. In 2013, the award was renamed in honor of Dolores L. Mitchell, a longtime MHDC supporter and Board Member and the former Executive Director of the Commonwealth's Group Insurance Commission.

About the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium

Founded in 1978, the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium (MHDC) is a not-for-profit organization that convenes the Massachusetts health information community to advance multi-stakeholder health data collaboration. MHDC's members include payers, providers, industry associations, government agencies, technology and services companies, and consumers. MHDC supports education, data governance, standardization, interoperability and practical implementation across the health care ecosystem.

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