What is the status of each sector right now?
The health care sector is large and diverse. Providers are struggling to ensure that people can access needed health care services, including on-going care for chronic diseases, preventive care such as immunizations for children and behavioral health care.

Hospitals are in a deep financial hole and they need continued federal assistance. Behavioral providers have transitioned to telehealth but are struggling to make ends meet and struggling to meet the increased need for services.

We are still gathering data on the health care sector. Barbara Crowley and Bill Burke have had a number of conversations with hospitals and health care providers across the state. These recommendations have been informed by those conversations.

What do the sectors within your sub-committees need right now to endure the current crisis (i.e. are there areas you expect to make recommendations on in the coming weeks)?

- **Workforce:** Need to provide programs and support for lower-skilled positions, e.g. Medical Assistants, Certified Nurse Assistants, Environment of Care workers (Will see what our mental health colleagues are seeing as well)
- **Regulatory:** Maintain reimbursement for telephonic and virtual visits. Telehealth should be a near-term focus in our stabilization phase as it will help get patients back in front of providers and allow providers to generate revenue that has been lost since shutdown began.
- **Infrastructure:** Help with Bandwidth and Telehealth infrastructure support
- **Stimulus/Investment:** The State should continue to assist with procuring federal funds as they become available. Hospitals are in a very deep financial hole and every dollar will be helpful. Behavioral health providers have felt somewhat left out in these efforts and that sector, in particular, would benefit from this support