

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

Anne M. Gobi
STATE SENATOR

Worcester, Hampden,
Hampshire & Middlesex

Tel. (617) 722-1540

Fax (617) 722-1078

E-Mail: Anne.Gobi@masenate.gov

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Friday, May 05, 2017

CONTACT: Brian Ferrarese
PHONE: 617-722-1540

Senator Gobi Appointed to Special Senate Committee on Addiction Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Options

(BOSTON) – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** has been appointed to the Special Senate Committee on Addiction Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Options by Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg (D-Amherst). Senator Gobi served on the committee in the 2015-2016 session, which released recommendations for legislation aimed at combatting the ongoing opioid problem in the region.

"Our communities continue to be ravaged by this epidemic. It is a problem that needs a multi prong approach," said Senator Gobi. "I appreciate that Senate President Rosenberg appointed me to this committee. It is a privilege to serve and to work towards viable solutions to stop the tragedies that addiction causes."

The special committee is tasked with reviewing existing state statutes and funding, as well as the implementation and enforcement of recently enacted substance abuse legislation, and making recommendations to further strengthen opioid abuse prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery options and access to such programs for all residents of the Commonwealth.

The committee will be chaired by Senator Jen Flanagan and Senator John Keenan will serve as Vice Chair. The other members of the committee included Senators Michael Brady, Eric Lesser, Joan Lovely, Michael Moore, Kathleen O'Connor Ives, and Walter Timilty.

###