



Annual Meeting speaker – Elizabeth Chen



Elizabeth Chen is currently Assistant Commissioner at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She oversees health care licensing, safety, quality, and determination of need for nearly 2,000 health care facilities, 300,000 health care professionals, and 400 emergency medical services. She has presented her research on end-of-life care decisions at national and international meetings. Her career in health care incorporates 20 years in the bio/pharmaceutical industry, and 10 years in academia, including a term as president of the New England College of Optometry.

Elizabeth received her PhD in gerontology from the McCormack Graduate School at UMass Boston, MPH in health policy from the Harvard School of Public Health, MBA in international management from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in organizational behavior from Yale University. Her roots are in Boston's Chinese community, having immigrated at age 7 from Taiwan, and she credits much of her success to early, as well as continued, nurturing from Chinese community leaders.