

**MINUTES OF THE
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
July 16, 2014**

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Ram Aberasturia, MAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and thanked those in attendance for their participation.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2014 were distributed electronically via the list serv. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed electronically via the list serv. Debi Freund, Treasurer, reported that there is a balance of \$2,576.76 as of June 30, 2014. The only activity was the crediting of a dividend of \$1.61 on June 30, 2014. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously, as submitted.

Committee Reports

Credentials. MAC Credentials Chair John Jaramillo indicated that there are no updates to the MAC membership list. John continues to follow up with agencies that require elections for terms beginning on January 1, 2014, with the following feedback: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, no update; Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, election in process; Department of Social Services, election in progress.

Old Business

Speakers and Logistics. There was discussion of deferring the follow-up presentation regarding retiree health benefits by a representative of the Office of the State Comptroller. There has been a lot of feedback that many managers who would like to attend will be on vacation at the time of the August meeting. Debi Freund will follow up with the Comptroller's Office, to discuss having the health benefits presentation at a meeting of the Management Advisory Council in the Fall or at State Managers Day.

Web Content/Communications/Orientation Committee. Nancy Nicolescu sent an e-mail that she would not be able to be at today's meeting. She has been keeping the website updated. A Save the Date notice is posted for State Managers Day. The material for Distinguished Managerial Service Award (DMSA) nominations is also available on the website. The feedback from the membership is that the website is terrific, and has been greatly enhanced through Nancy's ongoing efforts.

Report of the Managers Day 2014 Planning Committee. There will be a meeting of the Planning Committee immediately after today's business meeting. Wanda reminded managers to help get the word out on the children's book drive. If anyone wants to bring their donations to a MAC meeting, Wanda has space available to store them at Department of Transportation.

Other Old Business. There was no other Old Business.

New Business

Follow-Up from Meeting with Commissioner DeFronzo. The membership thanked the Executive Board for keeping the dialogue open on behalf of managers. The members are very pleased that the Administration has been responsive to the concerns of managers, and have provided a Cost of Living Adjustment and an upcoming PARS merit increase. Ram commented that it is very important to show managerial engagement; as such, he indicated that he was looking forward to a great turnout at State Managers Day.

Other New Business. There was no other New Business.

Adjournment

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m. The business meeting was followed by a brief meeting of the Managers Day 2014 planning committee. In attendance were: Ram Aberasturia, Debi Freund, Elise Kremer, Elisa Nahas, Deb Paradis, Wanda Seldon, Blanche Tucker, Rob Thornton, and Peggy Zabawar. There was discussion of the agenda for the day. Paul Assaiante is confirmed and will speak at 9:00 a.m. Stew Leonard, Jr. is also confirmed and will speak at 10:00 a.m. We are in process of confirming Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid, President of University of Saint Joseph. A DMSA Selection Committee meeting will be held on August 12.

The list of those in attendance at the July 16, 2014 meeting is appended below and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A at the Department of Transportation.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Kremer
MAC Secretary
MAC Representative for the
Department of Public Health

MAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER
July 16, 2014

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rep/Alt/Guest</u>
Administrative Services	Peggy Zabawar	R
Children and Families	Debi Freund, Treasurer	R
Comptrollers	Elena Vazquez	A
Consumer Protection	Elisa Nahas, Vice Chair	R
Developmental Services	Carl Jordan	R
Developmental Services	John Bishop	A
Education	Deb Paradis	R
Education	Jim Polites	A
Insurance	Maura Welch	R
Insurance	Mark Murphy	A
Labor	Ram Aberasturia, Chair	R
Policy and Management	John Jaramillo	R
Public Health	Elise Kremer, Secretary	R
Secretary of State	Blanche Tucker	A
Social Services	Robert Thornton	R