

# DRAFT – SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERSHIP

## MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL June 18, 2014

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Ram Aberasturia, MAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and thanked those in attendance for their participation.

### **Guest Presentation**

The guest speaker for the June 18 meeting was Brenda Halpin, Director of the Retirement Services Division in the Office of the State Comptroller. Ms. Halpin's presentation was: "What Folks Need to Know When Getting Ready to Retire". Brenda was accompanied by: Bonnie Price, Assistant Division Director overseeing the retirement payroll section as well as small retirement systems such as the Alternate Retirement Plan; Donald Wilkerson, Assistant Division Director overseeing the purchase of service credit and audit units; and Kishore Solanki, Assistant Division Director overseeing the retirement counseling section.

Ram welcomed and thanked the panelists. He also acknowledged Debi Freund for arranging for today's presentation.

Brenda thanked MAC for hosting the presentation. She noted that it will not be possible today to have a full discussion of retirement health benefits. Dr. Thomas Woodruff will be available for a future date to present on that topic, and Debi Freund will coordinate with the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary arrangement for that follow-up presentation.

Brenda indicated that the retirement system must handle a tremendous amount of data. A current initiative is to upgrade the system. The upgraded system will provide self-service for retirees to update information such as direct deposit and address changes. The upgraded system is also being designed to integrate retirement payroll with health care benefits.

Brenda presented the Comptroller's retirement workshop for Tier II/IIA employees. If employees plan to attend a Tier II/IIA workshop, they should plan ahead and come to the workshop with a calculation of benefits in hand. The workshop is available on the Comptroller's website at:

<http://www.osc.ct.gov/empret/tier2summ/workshop/index.html>

A link was also provided to the Tier II summary plan description:

<http://www.osc.ct.gov/empret/tier2summ/tier2summ.pdf>

A Tier I retirement workshop is also on line on the Comptroller's website at:

<http://www.osc.ct.gov/empret/tier1summ/workshop/tierprint02.htm>

There was a Questions and Answers segment, and the presentation concluded at 10:17 a.m.

The business meeting convened at 10:24 a.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of May 21, 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 has been no activity since the last report and the balance remains unchanged at \$2,575.15. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously, as submitted.

### **Committee Reports**

Credentials. Elise Kremer reported that John Jaramillo, Credentials Chair, provided an e-mail as he was not able to be at today's meeting. Elise reported on behalf of John the following information:

- Transportation: Wanda Seldon, Representative, and Jackie Ouellette, Alternate, are continuing in those capacities.
- Motor Vehicles: Naveen Prathikantam is the new Representative. Since Naveen was the only nominee, there is no Alternate at this time.
- Agencies that were slated to hold elections for terms beginning on January 1, 2014 are as follows: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (no update available); Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (election in process); Department of Social Services (election in process).

### **Old Business**

Speakers and Logistics. Debi confirmed that she will be reaching out to Dr. Thomas Woodruff for an upcoming presentation focusing on retirement health benefits.

Web Content/Communications/Orientation Committee. Elise reported that Nancy Nicolescu provided an e-mail as she was not able to be at today's meeting. Elise reported on behalf of Nancy that she has been performing routine updates to the website such as meeting notices and minutes. Nancy has also posted the call for nominations for the 2014 Distinguished Managerial Service Awards. She plans to add a Save the Date Notice for Managers Day 2014 in the near future.

Report of the Managers Day 2014 Planning Committee. The planning committee met on June 3. One speaker has been confirmed through the Goodman Speakers Bureau, Paul Assaiante, Coach of the Trinity College Men's Squash Team and author of *Run to the Roar*. Outreach is underway to other potential speakers, but suggestions are still welcome. Ram has confirmed that the Office of Policy and Management will continue to provide Mac with reimbursement for speakers' honoraria and costs for awards and audio-

visual equipment. Ram asked that members of the planning committee stay after the business meeting for a brief committee meeting.

Other Old Business. There was no Other Old Business.

## **New Business**

Election of Officers. At the May 21, 2014 meeting, the Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers as follows: Chair, Ram Aberasturia; Vice Chair, Elisa Nahas; Secretary, Elise Kremer; and Treasurer, Debi Freund. After soliciting nominations from the floor, and hearing none, nominations were closed and the election was scheduled for today's meeting. Jim Polites temporarily assumed the duties of the Chair, for the sole purpose of presiding over the election. Jim called for the election. There was a motion, passed unanimously, to elect the slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Meeting with Commissioner DeFronzo. The meeting was held with Commissioner DeFronzo. At this time, there is no information that can be provided regarding the status of managerial increments. The funds were appropriated in the budget, and MAC remains optimistic that a decision will be forthcoming from the Administration in the near future.

Other New Business. There was no other New Business.

## **Adjournment**

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:33 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, and Wanda Seldon. There was discussion of the arrangements with the Aqua Turf and potential speakers. A committee meeting will next be held on July 2 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Department of Transportation.

The list of those in attendance at the June 18, 2014 meeting is appended below and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 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**  
**June 18, 2014**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rep/Alt/Guest</u>
Administrative Services	Joann Bellamo	G
Administrative Services	David Busanet	G\
Administrative Services	Linda Hubeny	G
Administrative Services	J. Carlos Velez	G
Children and Families	Debi Freund, Treasurer	R
Children and Families	Paula D'Aquila	G
Children and Families	Antonio Donis	G
Children and Families	Mark Dumais	G
Children and Families	Stan Kasanowski	G
Comptroller	Stephen Perkins	R
Comptroller	Janak Dave	G
Comptroller	Debbie Miggins	G
Comptroller	Tom Vaughan	G
Comptroller	Doris Vieira	G
Consumer Protection	Elisa Nahas, Vice Chair	R
Consumer Protection	John Suchy	A
Consumer Protection	Bill Ryan	G
Correction	Rafael Palacio	R
Correction	John Bishop	G
Correction	John Campaniello	G
Correction	Bruce Fiermonte	G
Correction	Sandra Sharr	G
Correction	Robert Strawson	G
Developmental Services	Carl Jordan	R
Developmental Services	John Bishop	A
Developmental Services	Teresa Gonzalez	G
Developmental Services	Tim Lavoy	G
Developmental Services	Daimar Ramos	G
Education	Jim Polites	A
Education	Pamela Charland	G
Firearms Permit Examiners	Sue Mazzocoli	G
Governmental Accountability	Gregory Daniels	R
Healthcare Advocate	Maureen Smith	G
Insurance	Maura Welch	R
Labor	Ram Aberasturia, Chair	R
Labor	Lois Campanelli	G
Labor	Ron Napoli	G
Mental Health and Addiction Services	Sharon Ciarlo	G
Mental Health and Addiction Services	Gayle Gagliardo	G
Mental Health and Addiction Services	Tom Tokarz	G
Motor Vehicles	Lynn Payne	G
Policy and Management	Melissa Yeich	A
Public Health	Elise Kremer, Secretary	R
Public Health	Rosa Biaggi	G
Public Health	Janet Brancifor	G
Quinnipiac Valley Community College	Cathy Kegler	G
Revenue Services	Jim Norton	G
Revenue Services	John Kutsukos	A
Revenue Services	Ben Alejandro	G

**MAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER (Continued)**  
**June 18, 2014**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rep/Alt/Guest</u>
Revenue Services	David Burke	G
Revenue Services	Joe Mooney	G
Revenue Services	Penny Potter	G
Social Services	Robert Thornton	R
Transportation	Wanda Seldon	R
Transportation	David Alfredson	G
Transportation	Gary Belina	G
Transportation	Lew Cannon	G
Transportation	Kathy Germain	G
Transportation	David Hartley	G
Transportation	Kim Jamieson	G
Transportation	Valerie Joyner	G
Transportation	Colleen Kissane	G
Transportation	David Maher	G
Transportation	Nancy Malinguaggio	G
Transportation	Janice Snyder	G
Transportation	Sharon Walden	G
Transportation	Paula Jean Yukna	G
Transportation	Robert Zaffetti	G

