

**MINUTES OF THE  
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
April 15, 2015  
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**Welcome and Introductions**

Ram Aberasturia, MAC Chair, sends his regrets that he is not able to be at today's meeting. In Ram's absence, Elisa Nahas, MAC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2015 were distributed electronically via the MAC list serv. The minutes were approved unanimously, as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Debi Freund, MAC Treasurer, reported that there was not a Treasurer's report available as yet for the period ended March 31, 2015. Debi also explained that an erroneous withdrawal had been made from the MAC account held by the Credit Union and that she has ensured that the error has since been rectified.

**Credentials Report**

John Jaramillo, Credentials Chair, followed up with outstanding agencies and has not received any responses. There continues to be two agencies that have not finalized elections for the terms beginning January 1, 2014, and three agencies that have not finalized elections for the terms beginning January 1, 2015.

**Old Business**

Speakers and Logistics. Debi Freund indicated that she has been in contact with Robert Rodriguez, Public Affairs Specialist with the Social Security Administration. Plans are being finalized for a presentation on June 3. Arrangements are being made to use the Auditorium at Manchester Community College, since classes will be out of session by that time. There would be no regular business meeting on June 3. Peggy Zabawar and Debi will discuss the option of pre-registration and report back.

Web Content/Communications/Orientation Committee. Nancy Nicolescu sent an e-mail apologizing that she was not able to attend today's meeting. As always, Nancy is doing a great job of keeping the website updates with positions, such as meeting notices and minutes, as they become available.

Legislative Committee. Elise Kremer submitted a Legislative Report for this meeting which was distributed via the MAC list serv. Elise also updated the committee on Raised Bill 909, *An Act Concerning Managers in State Service*. The intent of the bill is to classify fewer state employees as managers. This bill is similar to bills that have been seen in previous years, and was referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Employees. It has since died, as the Committee deadline has passed without a favorable report.

Other Old Business. There was discussion of holding meetings bimonthly. A motion passed unanimously to hold meetings bimonthly, except that meetings will need to be held in April, May, and June of each year to facilitate the conduct of elections, in accordance with the By-Laws. There was no further Old Business.

### **New Business**

Planning Committee for Managers Day 2015. Volunteers were requested to serve on the Planning Committee for Managers Day 2015. The following members volunteered: Debi Freund, DCF; Elise Kremer, DPH; Elisa Nahas, DCP; Wanda Seldon, DOT; and Peggy Zabawar, DAS. Additional volunteers are encouraged.

Appointment of Nominating Committee. In accordance with MAC's By-Laws, a Nominating Committee is to be appointed at the May meeting. The charge of the Nominating Committee is to develop a proposed slate of officers for the upcoming elections. The Nominating Committee will report back at the May meeting, at which point nominations from the floor, if any, will be taken and nominations will close. Elections will be held at the June meeting. The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Steve Beaupre, DMHAS; Mark Murphy, DOI; and Jim Polites, DOE. The committee will develop an e-mail and forward it to Elise for distribution to the MAC membership via the list serv.

Other New Business. There was no other New Business.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The list of those in attendance at the April 15, 2015 meeting and the Legislative Report dated April 15, 2015 are attached and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 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**  
**April 15, 2015**

| <u>Agency</u>                        | <u>Name</u>             | <u>Rep/Alt/Guest</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Administrative Services              | Peggy Zabawar           | R                    |
| Aging                                | Stephanie Marino        | R                    |
| Banking                              | Deb Lein                | R                    |
| Children and Families                | Debi Freund, Treasurer  | R                    |
| Consumer Protection                  | Elisa Nahas, Vice Chair | R                    |
| Developmental Services               | Carl Jordan             | R                    |
| Education                            | Jim Polites             | A                    |
| Insurance                            | Mark Murphy             | A                    |
| Mental Health and Addiction Services | Steve Beaupre           | R                    |
| Policy and Management                | John Jaramillo          | R                    |
| Public Health                        | Elise Kremer, Secretary | R                    |
| Revenue Services                     | Jim Norton              | R                    |
| Transportation                       | Wanda Seldon            | R                    |