

**MINUTES OF THE
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
January 21, 2015**

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Guest Presentation

Debi Freund, MAC Treasurer, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Thomas Woodruff. Dr. Woodruff directs the Healthcare Policy and Benefits Services Division of the Office of the State Comptroller. Dr. Woodruff was invited to speak on retirement health care benefits.

Debi acknowledged the gracious assistance of Dr. Gena Glickman, President of Manchester Community College, in making the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium available. Having this large venue has been very helpful, as MAC has a full house this morning.

Dr. Thomas Woodruff spoke at 9:00 a.m. He began with some introductory remarks on healthcare cost containment, and subsequently made a PowerPoint presentation on retirement healthcare benefits. He and his colleagues from the OSC provided a wealth of additional information in a lengthy Question and Answer segment.

Ram Aberasturia, MAC Chair, called the business meeting to order at 10:41 a.m., following the guest presentation. Ram thanked: Dr. Woodruff and his staff for a very informative presentation; Dr. Glickman for her generosity in providing the excellent meeting site; and Debi Freund, Peggy Zabawar, Elisa Nahas, and Elise Kremer for their assistance with arranging the session and with handling registration and other logistics.

Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2014 were distributed electronically via the list serv. The minutes were approved unanimously, as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Debi Freund presented the Treasurer's report. A dividend of \$1.72 was paid on January 1, 2015, and the balance in the treasury as of that date was \$2,758.74. The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

Credentials Report

John Jaramillo, Credentials Chair, was not able to be at today's meeting. Elise Kremer indicated that the Department of Public Health has completed its process for MAC Representative and Alternate for the term beginning January 1, 2015. Elise will continue as the Representative and Chris Andresen is the new Alternate.

Old Business

Speakers and Logistics for Upcoming Meetings: There was discussion of having a spokesperson from Social Security Administration making a presentation again. It was agreed that this would be beneficial and Debi will contact SSA. She will also see whether the MCC auditorium might be made available.

Report from Web Content/Communications/Orientation Committee: Nancy Nicolescu was not able to be at today's meeting. She sent an update to Elise via e-mail. The MAC website has been updated with the January meeting notice and the draft minutes from the December 17, 2014 meeting. Managers Day 2014 photographs have been posted to the site. Nancy will coordinate with John Jaramillo to post the updated Representatives/Alternate list.

New Business

Update from the Legislative Committee: Elise Kremer reported on bills that may be of general interest to the membership. A list of bills will be included in the minutes.

Other New Business: Ram indicated that he is trying to coordinate a meeting with Department of Administrative Services Commissioner Currey. The commissioner is amenable to meeting, and schedule is in progress. This will be an opportunity to brief the commissioner on issues of concern to managers.

Managers Day 2015 D Planning Committee: There will be a call for volunteers to serve on this committee at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The list of those in attendance at the January 21, 2015 meeting is appended below and is hereby made a part of these minutes. Also attached and made a part of these minutes is the PowerPoint presentation made by Dr. Woodruff and the report of the Legislative Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 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 FOR BUSINESS MEETING
January 21, 2015

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rep/Alt/Guest</u>
Children and Families	Debi Freund, Treasurer	R
Comptroller	Stephen Perkins	R
Consumer Protection	Elisa Nahas, Vice Chair	R
Consumer Protection	John Suchy	A
Developmental Services	John Bishop	A
Education	Jim Polites	A
Labor	Ram Aberasturia	R
Mental Health and Addiction Services	Tom Zaprzalka	A
Public Health	Elise Kremer, Secretary	R
Revenue Services	Jim Norton	R
Revenue Services	Marc Papendrea	G
Secretary of the State	Blanche Tucker	R
Transportation	Wanda Seldon	R