

**MINUTES OF THE  
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
July 20, 2016**

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**Welcome and Introductions**

Ram Aberasturia, MAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Ram apologized that we were unable to host Commissioner Sean Connolly's presentation today. Technical difficulties were encountered with the pre-registration that, despite everyone's best efforts, were not able to be resolved on a short lead time. Commissioner Connolly was very understanding and expressed an interest in being rescheduled at a later date. We apologize for any inconvenience to the MAC membership and guests.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 22, 2016 MAC meeting were distributed to the membership via the list serv and were approved unanimously, as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Maura Welch, MAC Treasurer, reported that the balance in the treasury is \$2,770.33 as of June 30, 2016. There was a dividend of \$2.42 credited as of that date. The Treasurer's report was distributed to the membership via the list serv and was approved unanimously, as submitted.

**Credentials Report**

Deb Paradis, MAC Credentials Chair, was unable to be at today's meeting. As had been discussed at the June meeting, due to a statutory executive reorganization that is effective July 1, 2016, the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the Office of State Ethics, and the Freedom of Information Commission will no longer be part of the Office of Governmental Accountability and will be independent agencies. Elise Kremer had advised that Clause III, A of the By-Laws provides a mechanism for a "voluntary consolidation of related agencies", with four or more managers collectively, to request MAC representation. If the MAC Executive Committee approves the request, it is to be processed as a proposal for By-Laws amendment. The Executive Committee endorsed this at the June meeting and asked for a proposed amendment to be presented at the July meeting. Proposed language for an amendment was developed and circulated, and will be voted on today under New Business. In the interim, and in anticipation of the approval of the By-Laws amendment, an election was held by these three agencies. Nancy Nicolescu was elected as Representative and Colleen Murphy was elected as Alternate. These elections are contingent upon passage of the By-Laws amendment.

**Old Business**

Speakers and Logistics for Upcoming Meetings. The presentation by the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Sean Connolly, will be rescheduled for a later date

Web Content/Communications/Orientation Committee. Nancy Nicolescu indicated that she is doing regular updates and invites the membership to submit items of interest. The Managers Day content has been moved to a more prominent place of the home page.

Report from Legislative Committee. Elise Kremer indicated that there was nothing of substance to report.

Other Old Business. There was no other Old Business.

## **New Business**

Report from Managers Day 2016 Planning Committee and Update on MACPack donation program. The planning committee has continued to meet monthly. The work is wrapping up. The menu will be the same as last year's. There has been a great response to the MACPack initiative, and the agencies are progressing well on collecting donations from their managers. There will be a work day to fill the backpacks on August 24, which Deb Paradis and Chris Beloff are hosting at the Department of Education. This will be only for those agencies donating backpack supplies, and will be in lieu of a regular business meeting in August. Peggy Zabawar has been reaching out to identify shelters geographically situated through the state that serve homeless children which would be interested in accepting the backpacks. Hopefully, this initiative could be showcased at Managers Day by having a recipient agency speak and having photo opportunities. Please feel free to join the planning committee meetings. There will be a meeting today immediately following the business meeting.

Status of the Distinguished Managerial Service Awards Program. Elise reported that the selection committee has received the nominations packets. There will be a meeting of the selection committee later this morning. Ram thanked Elise for her work on this program.

Feedback on Discussions with the Administration. There has been a follow-up with Secretary Barnes but, to date, no meeting is scheduled. There was discussion of possible savings initiatives. In order to fully develop viable ideas, a subcommittee is needed to vet them and cost them out. Several managers in attendance expressed an interest in participating. It was suggested that Managers Day would be a good forum to recruit subcommittee members representing a broad spectrum of state government.

New Managers Orientation Program. Commissioner Melody Currey has communicated that there will not be a session this fall. There will be some time taken to re-evaluate and retool, possibly developing more of a "tiered" system. The program will resume in 2017 in a revised format.

Action on Proposed By-Laws Amendment. A By-Laws amendment was proposed to respond to the reorganization of the "watchdog" agencies. Clause III would be amended by adding new language to provide joint representation for the three such agencies that become independent on July 1, 2016: The proposed amendment is as follows:

- I. The Office of State Ethics, the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and the Freedom of Information Commission shall constitute a voluntary consolidation of agencies under III. A., and shall be entitled to a Representative and Alternate, effective July 1, 2016, with subsequent two-year terms commencing on January 1 of even-numbered years.

A quorum being present, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adopt the By-Laws amendment.

Election of Officers. A slate of officers was adopted at the June 22, 2016 meeting. The slate is as follows:

Ram Aberasturia, Chair  
Nancy Nicolescu, Vice Chair  
Elise Kremer, Secretary  
Maura Welch, Treasurer

A quorum being present, an election was held. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to elect the proposed slate. Ram thanked the membership for their support and indicated the officers would continue their efforts to move MAC's positions forward. He asked all members to consider what they hope the state to look like in 5 to 10 years and to think about the leadership needed to accomplish that vision.

Other New Business. There was no other New Business.

### **Adjournment**

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m., with members of the planning committee asked to remain for a brief meeting. The list of those in attendance at the July 20, 2016 meeting is and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Transportation in Newington.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Managers Day 2016 Planning Committee. The committee convened at 10:30 a.m., following the business meeting. The following individuals were in attendance: Ram Aberasturia, Chris Beloff, Elise Kremer, Nancy Nicolescu, Maura Welch, and Peggy Zabawar. Numerous issues were discussed to firm up all the details remaining for the budget, program and schedule, speakers, and donation program. The committee meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**MAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER**  
**July 20, 2016**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rep/Alt/Guest</u>
Administrative Services	Peggy Zabawar	R
Aging	Stephanie Marino	R
Comptroller	Elena Vasquez	A
Consumer Protection	John Suchy	R
Correction	Joshua Santos	A
Developmental Services	Lateisha Rainey	A
Economic and Community Development	Christine Castonguay	R
Education	Chris Beloff	A
Energy and Environmental Protection	Janice Deshais	A
Governmental Accountability	Nancy Nicolescu, Vice Chair	R
Health Care Advocate	Dori Peruccio	G
Human Rights and Opportunities	Donna Brilliant	A
Insurance	Maura Welch, Treasurer	R
Labor	Ram Aberasturia, Chair	R
Labor	Amer Khan	G
Mental Health and Addiction Services	Tom Zaprzalka	A
Policy and Management	Jamie Gamble	R
Policy and Management	Carolyn Kozak	A
Public Health	Elise Kremer, Secretary	R
Rehabilitation Services	Andrew Norton	R
Revenue Services	Jim Norton	R