

**MINUTES OF THE
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
October 19, 2016**

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Welcome and Introductions

Ram Aberasturia, MAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Ram welcomed and introduced the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Sean Connolly, our guest speaker, and thanked him for taking time from his busy schedule to speak with state managers.

Guest Speaker

Commissioner Connolly made a very informative PowerPoint presentation, in which he described the mission, vision, programs and services of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. At the conclusion of the presentation, a very enthusiastic discussion took place regarding the potential for broadening interagency collaborations. The PowerPoint presentation will be made available for posting on the MAC website. Commissioner Connolly asked if any veterans were present, and Chris Beloff and Donna Brilliant identified that they were both veterans of service in the Army. Commissioner Connolly presented them with medals commemorating their service.

Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes of the September 21, 2016 MAC meeting were distributed to the membership via the list serv. The minutes were approved unanimously, as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Maura Welch, MAC Treasurer, reported that the balance in the treasury is \$2,387.90 as of September 30, 2016. For the month of September 2016, expenses included the purchase of the Distinguished Managerial Service Awards and the payment to Aqua Turf for meals and audio/visual equipment rental. Registration fees were deposited and a dividend was credited. The closeout of Managers Day 2016 is still in progress, with payments to be made for speakers' donations and travel expenses, as well as the submission for reimbursement to the Office of Policy and Management. 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, reported that Lateisha Rainey has transferred, leaving a vacancy for the Alternate in the Department of Developmental Services. DDS is in process of filling this slot. There is a need to finalize the letter to go out to agency heads regarding elections for terms beginning January 1, 2017.

Old Business

Speakers and Logistics for Upcoming Meetings. An invitation has been extended to Julie Paolino, a managing partner at Integrated Rehab, with a date as yet to be determined. Integrated Rehab has been named a top employee in the Hartford area five times. Wanda was contacted regarding a LEAN presentation for MAC, and highly recommended we host this program. The speakers would prefer a date early in the spring of 2017. It was agreed that Wanda should schedule this presentation.

Web Content/Communications/Orientation Committee. Nancy Nicolescu indicated that she is doing regular updates and invites the membership to submit items of interest. She will be adding photographs from Managers Day 2016 to the website, as well as the photographs taken today of Chris and Donna receiving their medals. Ram will follow up with Commissioner Connelly for a copy of his PowerPoint presentation for the website.

Other Old Business. A member had inquired at the last meeting as to the status of the Masters of Public Administration fellowship program at the University of Connecticut. Peggy offered to follow up and bring back whatever information she could identify for today's meeting. Peggy indicated that she has reached out to UConn and is awaiting their response.

New Business

Feedback from Managers Day 2016 Survey. Peggy Zabawar reported on the results of the survey sent to attendees at Managers Day 2016. There was an exceptionally high response rate, and overall the feedback was very favorable. Respondents were very pleased with the caliber of the speakers and the program. There were a number of new attendees this year, many of whom responded to the survey.

Volunteers for Managers Day 2017 Planning Committee. There will be a meeting of the planning committee following the adjournment of the regular business meeting. Ram invited anyone interested in serving to attend.

Other New Business. It was pointed out that the Association of Managerial Employees in Connecticut State Service is very active on a number of issues at this time. AMECSS is interested in having more regular communication with MAC. This was taken under advisement and will be discussed further by the Executive Board. It is important to note that MAC serves the Administration and has a very different charge as spelled out in the Governor's Executive Order that established the organization.

Adjournment

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m., with members of the planning committee asked to remain for a brief meeting. The list of those in attendance at the October 19, 2016 meeting is attached and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Transportation in Newington. Information on a guest speaker will be circulated should one be scheduled.

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Respectfully submitted,

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

Managers Day 2017 Planning Committee. The committee convened at 11:04 a.m., following the business meeting. The following individuals were in attendance: Ram Aberasturia, Chris Beloff, Donna Brilliant, Elise Kremer, Nancy Nicolescu, Deb Paradis, and Maura Welch. The primary item of business was a review of the costs of the 2016 event. Maura will be preparing an itemized invoice and submitting it to the Office of Policy and Management as soon as possible. The committee meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

MAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER
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<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rep/Alt/Guest</u>
Administrative Services	Peggy Zabawar	R
Administrative Services	Angela Taetz	G
Aging	Stephanie Marino	R
Comptroller	Elena Vazquez	A
Developmental Services	Donna Haley	G
Economic and Community Development	Christine Castonguay	R
Education	Deb Paradis	R
Education	Chris Beloff	A
Freedom of Information Commission/Office of State Ethics/State Elections Enforcement Commission	Nancy Nicolescu, Vice Chair	R
Human Rights and Opportunities	Donna Brilliant	A
Insurance	Maura Welch, Treasurer	R
Labor	Ram Aberasturia, Chair	R
Mental Health and Addiction Services	Tom Zaprzalka	A
Public Health	Elise Kremer, Secretary	R
Transportation	Wanda Seldon	R
Transportation	Nancy Malinguaggio	G