

February 14, 2024 Commission Meeting, 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom

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Agenda

1. Approval of January Minutes
   1. *Vote Required*
2. Financial Report/Budget – Joe O’Leary, Treasurer
   1. Best practice for spending over $500
   2. Discussion on FY’25
   3. MCOA account – Lynn Girton
3. Directors Report – Colleen Pritoni
   1. Grandfamilies FUNd scholarships announced last week
   2. Community Presentations/Meetings:

* Brockton Community Services, Age Strong/City of Boston, Holyoke Systems of Care
* Old Colony YMCA Attleboro, DPH/BSAS
  1. Winter Workshops – ending February
  2. Spring Workshops:
     + Wellness workshop
     + Reunification Panel workshop
  3. Roundtables – West, Central, and Southeast held in January

Program Coordinator:

* + - Review of FRC websites/GRG support groups
      1. Presented findings to DCF Community and Family Engagement Team
    - Launch Northeast in February and Boston Roundtables February
  1. Intern Projects:
     + Grand-Stories Team
       1. Conducting Interviews
       2. Writing the GRG Stories
       3. Collecting photos
       4. Drafting the booklet format

1. Sub-Committee Updates:

* Support Group Sub-Committee: Deb Dowd-Foley
  + Training
  + Created “Best Practice” for GRG Support Groups
* Legal and Advocacy Sub-Committee: Lynn Girton
  + College Tuition Bill Update
  + Wonderfund
* Information and Outreach: Gail Williams
  + Expand outreach to places of worship, libraries, etc.
  + Updating tip sheets
* Resource Development Sub-Committee: Ilene Mitchell

1. Chairwoman’s Report-Lynn Girton
   1. Appointment Updates – Welcome Commissioner Forist
2. Advisory Board Update – Kristen Cipullo
3. Other: June Commission Meeting/Volunteer Appreciation Lunch 6/11/24