

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

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom

*If you would like to receive a Zoom invite, please contact* *colleen.pritoni@mass.gov*

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