

Executive Director's Report

2024

Date: December 19, 2024
To: Group Insurance Commission
From: Matthew Veno, Executive Director
Subject: Executive Director's Report

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to provide Commissioners with the monthly Executive Director's report in writing. Questions and comments from Commissioners on the content of this memo are welcome during this portion of the agenda.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Staffing Updates

We are currently recruiting to fill two key open positions at the GIC.

- **Government Affairs Manager** – this position will report to Erika Scibelli, the GIC's Deputy Executive Director, and will focus on legislative and municipal activities.
- **Counsel I** – this position will report to Andrew Stern, the GIC's General Counsel, and will support the agency and the Legal Department on a range of legal functions.

GIC Office Space Move

At the end of November, the GIC successfully completed a long-awaited move of our office space from the 16th floor of 1 Ashburton Place to suite 1413 on the 14th floor of the same building. The new office space was designed to meet the Commonwealth's Future of Work standards, conducive to a hybrid work environment. GIC employees will continue with their current hybrid work models and schedules. The move went very smoothly under the leadership of Karen Jenkins and Maureen Quinn who carefully coordinated with all GIC departments and staff as well as DCAMM, EOTSS and other state agencies to ensure that the GIC's needs were met and executed smoothly.

LEGISLATIVE & MUNICIPAL

Legislative

The Legislature remains fairly quiet following Fall election, but staff will continue to closely monitor legislative activities in the last weeks of the current session. The pace will pick up in the new year with the beginning of a new biennial session and the start of budget season with the release of H1 in late January.

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Municipal

As of December 1, 2024, one new municipality (Holliston) will be joining the GIC for plan year July 1, 2025. Staff will meet with Holliston officials in January to begin the onboarding process. No municipalities will be leaving the GIC.

COMMUNICATIONS

Leslie Monteiro, Director of Communications, began her parental leave on Thanksgiving with the arrival of a healthy baby boy, Michael. In her absence, Deputy Executive Director Erika Scibelli will handle the day-to-day communications with support from across GIC staff.

The GIC's annual Public Information Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, January 28 at 12pm and 6pm and Thursday, January 30 at 9am. Sessions will be held virtually via Zoom, as we have done for the last four years, making these sessions more accessible to many of our members. As usual, each session will be recorded and placed on the GIC's YouTube channel for those who are unable to participate in the live sessions. We will be sharing registration links for the sessions with Commissioners and the public in the coming weeks via email outreach and social media.