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Council Meeting – Executive Session

Minutes February 10, 2009 3:30 P.M. 21st floor, Room 1

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	Joe Bellil, Liz Casey, Eileen Brewster, Jean McGuire, George Noel and Joe Tringali (telephonically)
STAFF ATTENDING	Jack Boesen, Michelle Byrd
CHAIR	Jean McGuire
NOTE TAKER	Michelle Byrd
AGENDA SETTING	No issues were added to previously-issued agenda

The executive session began at 3:30 p.m.

Additional items for discussion include 1199 SEIU's request for collective bargaining on the Paid Time Off benefit and C.O.R.I. checks.

Dates proposed for discussing Paid Time Off (PTO), include March 4, 5 and 6th. The Council agrees that additional information is needed before a decision is made whether PTO bargaining is handled as a Labor Management Committee issue or is addressed through collective bargaining, requiring the participation of the Council's collective bargaining team. 1199SEIU also asked for bargaining on health benefits. The Council agreed that the current study had to be completed before bargaining on this issue could happen. Jack Boesen was asked to write a letter to this effect.

Jean McGuire informed the Council that a pending audit will likely require the future use of C.O.R.I. checks for PCAs hired by consumers of MassHealth services. Jean asked the council to consider how C.O.R.I. checks will impact on the consumer based PCA program; specifically how consumers will maintain control over the hiring and firing process and how expedited costs would be applied. Additional issues being considered by the Council include how the review of C.O.R.I. findings will be integrated into the hiring process used by consumers as well as the issue of grandfathering in current PCAs.

A motion was made to leave executive session and passed unanimously. The council came out of executive session at 4:00 p.m.