



**February 12, 2020 Commission Meeting, 1-3 p.m.  
600 Washington Street 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, Ma. 02111**

**\*\*\*NEW CONFERENCE LINE BEGINNING 2020\*\*\***

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**Agenda**

1. Welcome and introduction of any guests
  - a. Guests: Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts
2. Acceptance of January meeting minutes  
*\*Action required*
3. Financial Report/Budget – Joe O’Leary, Treasurer
  - MCOA budget update
  - GP Commission FY’20 budget monthly update
  - GP Commission FY’21 budget – Governor’s budget released
    - FY’21 \$163, 697 (increase of \$49, 703)
    - Ad-Hoc committee to prepare for additional staff in FY’21
      - *Action Required*
4. Discussion on \$40,000 appropriation increase – Ilene Mitchell and Colleen Pritoni
  - UMass ISA update
5. Sub-Committee Updates:
  - Information and Referral Sub-Committee: Vacant
  - Support Group Sub-Committee: Deb Dowd-Foley
  - Legal Sub-Committee: Lynn Girton
  - Resource Development Sub-Committee: Ilene Mitchell
6. Directors Report
  - Event at with Jarrett J. Krosoczka at Mechanics Hall 2/3/20
  - Spring 2020 Workshops: Mattapan, Milford, Ashburnham, Billerica, Chicopee, Bourne (see flyer)
  - SIG grant modification suggestion:

- There is \$1,000 allocated to hire someone to make “how-to” videos for the website
- Suggest spending \$600 on support group “start-up kits” and \$400 on purchasing copies of *Hey, Kiddo* to give to families who attend the Worcester event and to give away at the 2020 conference.

7. Chairwoman’s Report

- Update on Commission appointments

8. Advisory Board Update – Ann Behraves

9. Other Business:

- a. Ad-Hoc Committee for future appointment recommendations to the Commission and to consider recommendation to change by-laws to increase appointments to the Commission – update – John Lepper and Colleen Pritoni
  - i. Suggested priorities/considerations for future appointments to the Commission:
    1. Grandparent/relative caregiver raising/or had raised a grandchild
    2. Geographical representation
    3. Diversity of race and culture, religion, language, etc.
    4. A volunteer who is interested/available and willing to work with the Commission
      - *Action Required*