**MCDHH Statewide Advisory Council Meeting**

**Zoom - Remote**

**June 27, 2024**

**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**SAC Members present:**

**Michelle Motto Dardeno (MMD)**

**Ellen Perkins (EP)**

**Dottie Griffith (DG)**

**Michelle Dunn (MD)**

**Brock Cordeiro (BC)**

**Jessica Rich (JR)**

**SAC Members not in attendance:**

**MCDHH Staff:**

**Commissioner Opeoluwa Sotonwa (OS)**

**Sharon Harrison (SH)**

**Sehin Mekuria (SM)**

**Janay Mitchell (JM)**

**Alysha Nuttall (AN)**

**Peggy Lee (PL)**

**Attendees from the community:**

**Renee Coutts (RC)**

**Anthony Russo (AR)**
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| **Agenda Topic** | **Discussion** | **Action Item** |
| Welcome | Established quorumCommunication ProtocolsIntroductionsReview of Agenda |  |
| Review of Minutes from May 16, 2024 | **MOTION:** EP made a motion to accept the minutes. BC seconded the motion. MD, EP, DG voted to accept the minutes.  |  |
| SAC Bylaw Reviews  | CP reviewed the changes to the bylaws:* The bylaws were last revised in 2008. Updated to 2024.
* Article II- Change the number of meetings per year from eight to six.
* Article III- Change Council from consisting of no fewer than 12 and no more than 20, to have the Council consist of no fewer than 8 and no more than 12 members.
* Article IV- Change the annual meeting from June to September.
* Article V- Change membership term from two years to three years.
* Article VII, sections 3, a new section "Review of Bylaws." This section says "The Bylaws will be reviewed every three to six years by the majority or two-thirds of the SAC membership. The Bylaws will be revised as needed after such review."

The SAC members, in participation, are unanimous in the consent of the approval of the amendment to the Bylaws. **MOTION**: BC moved that the bylaws be adopted by the SAC as presented and by roll call. EP, MD, JR, DG and MMD all accepted the new bylaws. |  |
| **Chairperson’s Report** | MMD and EP were granted the opportunity to sit in on other Commissions’ SAC meeting to observe how they conduct their meetings and to think about are there any applicable efficiencies and changes that could be made to the MCDHH SAC meeting. | MMD will meet with the Commissioner and share thoughts on improvements at the September meeting. |
| **Legislative Task Force Report -**Tracking Bills for 2023 - 2024  | * The spreadsheet is updated as of June 16th.
* Currently tracking 62 bills, with 11 bills being added to the spreadsheet since the last update back in March.
* Of those bills, 38 of them saw some sort of activity since March 18th (highlighted in yellow on the spreadsheet).
* Several bills were referred to another committee with a study order, and that effectively killed the legislation for this session.
* Some of the bills were recommended favorably and referred to another committee, but none since March 18th have been passed, and therefore, none of them have been laid before the Governor for her signature.
* A lot of major bills are getting the attention.
* A lot of more minor ones are having trouble moving through the committee system.
* July 31st is the last day of formal sessions, at which point, starting August, basically any one legislator could hold up and effectively kill legislation, because that will be informal sessions till the end of the year.
* There's the deadline of November 6th coming up of the filing deadline for state agencies to file legislation for the next legislature.
* The 193rd General Court ends December 31st, and we start all over January 1st with the first day of the 194th General Court.
* Any bills slowly moving through the process now really have their best shot being passed probably before July 31st. It's not to say they can't pass after August, it's just the odds get a little slimmer because the rules get a lot tighter.
* At the end of the year we start the whole process fresh, with the filing of new bills.
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| **Commissioner’s Report** | MCDHH Updates from Commissioner, PowerPoint attached.* Officially welcomed the new SAC members, Jessica and Dottie
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| **SAC Members**  | * DG shared a concern about public TVs not having closed captions on all the time.
* OS shared that Boston passed an ordinance requiring CC be on all public TVs. He suggested that perhaps the SAC could ask a legislator to introduce a new bill to carry this statewide.
* EP asked if anyone was aware of the RMV producing some ASL videos for driver’s education. No one was.
 | Heather to share ordinance with SAC members.Find out more information about ASL videos for driver’s education. |
| **SAC Announcements, Next Meeting**  | HD emailed the proposed dates for FY25. There are ten dates as the schedule was decided before the bylaws changed the number of meetings from eight to six.

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| 1 | September 19, 2024 |
| 2 | October 17, 2024 |
| 3 | November 14, 2024 |
| 4 | December 19, 2024 |
| 5 | January 16, 2025 |
| 6 | February 20, 2025 |
| 7 | March 20, 2025 |
| 8 | April 17, 2025 |
| 9 | May 15, 2025 |
| 10 | June 12, 2025 |

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