**Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

**Statewide Advisory Council Meeting**

**January 12, 2023**

**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participants:**  
Commissioner, Opeoluwa Sotonwa

Peggy Lee, MCDHH

Marlene Hostovsky, MCDHH

Aurora Wilber, MCDHH

**SAC Members:**  
Michelle Dardeno

Zinma Camelio  
Brock Cordeiro  
Ellen Perkins  
Linda Sakin   
Lori Seidman

Leah McGaughey

Stephanie Clark

Michelle Cline

**Attendees from Community:**  
Neil MacGill, ViAbility

Lee Nettles

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| **Agenda Topic** | **Discussion** | **Follow up/Person Responsible** |
| Welcome | * Communication Procedures * Introductions * Review of Agenda |  |
| November Meeting Minutes | * Minutes approved with the inclusion of presentation materials |  |
| Action Items: | * Community Legislative Training: scheduling February meeting with legislator/s for role play and feedback on how to tell your story * March meeting will be held to discuss budget and support for community interests * April 20 “save the date” for SAC sponsored State House event. This would be an abbreviated event to recognize award winners from the past and set up legislative visits. We expect this may be a hybrid event to minimize travel an exposure risk. | Aurora to schedule with State House  SAC to take the lead with planning and agenda  IL centers to coordinate fact sheets and logistics, letter writing sessions, other activities to support State House Day |
| Commissioner’s Report | * Update on MCDHH services and current projects (see attached presentation for details). |  |
| Legislative Task Force | * Brock Cordeiro has created spreadsheet with current legislation (attached). |  |
| Next SAC Meeting | * February 9 at 5:30 pm.  New Zoom link will be provided. | Any interested community members wanting SAC information can request to join the distribution list. Please email: [aurora.wilber@mass.gov](mailto:aurora.wilber@mass.gov) |