

Ms. Christine Tosti
170 Ingleside Ave #2
Worcester, MA 01604

Dear Ms. Tosti:

The Massachusetts State Rehabilitation Council (“SRC”) received your June 10, 2022 Open Meeting Law (“OML”) Complaint and responds below. Your OML Complaint alleges that the SRC, as a public body, did not adequately respond to your May 7, 2022 request for Executive Session meeting minutes. Your request was emailed to me and sought the following summarized information:

- (1) All Executive Sessions with Health Management Associates (“HMA”) and the Diversity Equity and Inclusion working group including any reports and documents, specifically HMA’s response to the bid for their involvement
- (2) May 5, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting minutes
- (3) April 7, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting minutes March 24, 2022 Quarterly SRC Meeting minutes

On May 9, 2022, I replied to your email to respond to your request. For the items you requested (1) concerning HMA’s response to the bid and the materials, I reminded you of information that was previously relayed. I responded that the information you sought required a request to the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission’s Records Access Officer (“RAO”). A link to request the information was provided to you in the email.

To elaborate on my response, the SRC does not have authority to release and is not the keeper of records of the information you seek. HMA was a vendor selected through MRC to provide Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training and guidance to the SRC. You may submit a public records request via the online form at <https://www.mass.gov/forms/submit-a-massachusetts-rehabilitation-commission-public-records-request>. Also, you may send your request to MRC’s Primary RAO:

Molly Karp, General Counsel
600 Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02111
Phone: 617-204-3600
Email: MRC.RAO@state.ma.us.

If you need an accommodation to access this process, please contact the Records Access Officer, Ms. Karp.

The materials from the HMA trainings are embedded inside the *SRC DEI Five-Year Roadmap...3.24.22 Final* posted on the SRC website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/src-diversity-equity-and-inclusion>. Executive Session meeting minutes are not contained in this material. The SRC believes these minutes should remain confidential because publication would defeat the purpose of the Executive Session. SRC members shared personal experiences and eye-witness accounts of racial injustices with fellow members through confidential conversations under the guidance of trained DEI Consultants. If the SRC violates privacy and

confidentiality that led to the trusting, open sharing through these conversations, it would be a serious breach of trust among members that may not be restored.

To your requested items (1) through (4) concerning meeting minutes, I responded by providing you with a link to the SRC website containing all minutes for SRC meetings that were not in Executive Session with a disclaimer explaining that meeting minutes are posted the public website in draft form and later reposted when approved by the SRC or its Committees. For your convenience, all SRC meetings subject to the OML, including the meetings for which you have requested minutes, are available on the SRC website at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/src-2022-minutes>.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inez Canada', followed by a horizontal line.

Inez Canada, Chair
Statewide Rehabilitation Council
Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission