

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
Statutory Advisory Board
600 Washington Street, 3rd Floor Executive Conference
Zoom Meeting
Boston, MA 02111
Friday August 12th 2022
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Opening By SAB Chair
 - a. Notification and Confirmation: This meeting is being held via Zoom under the Governor's executive order granting authority for such virtual meetings.
 - b. Confirmation that MCB records SAB meetings, allows for local recordings and makes such recordings available to the public.
 - c. Welcome to members of the public attending the meeting and instruction about Q&A period.
2. Vote to accept minutes of the previous (June 10th) SAB meeting.
3. Commissioner Update:
 - a. FY22:
 - i. Please provide the final spending/encumbered by category as compared to the FY22 GAA.
 - ii. Will any funds revert back to the state.
 - b. FY23 Budget:
 - i. What comprises the make-up of the increase in 0001 over the FY22 GAA?
 - ii. When excluding the TIC and affiliate and the independent living skills earmarks, the 1000 account appears to be down \$280,000 from the FY22 GAA:
 1. Will the decrease impact services?
 - iii. For all accounts does MCB have sufficient resources to fulfill the budget?
 - a. Will additional hiring be required.
 - iv. With respect to the \$1M earmark for independent living services, please confirm that the services will be provided by qualified nonprofit providers.
 - c. Update on consumer survey
 - d. Update partnership with National Industries for the Blind (NIB)
 - e. Update on plan for DOR to get information on blindness status directly.
4. Program Updates:
 - a. Dashboard on Registrations, Process, and Outcomes.
 - b. Update on staffing changes and levels
5. New Business
6. Questions from the public

7. Adjournment