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

**Statewide Advisory Council Meeting**

**November 17, 2022**

**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participants:**
Commissioner, Opeoluwa Sotonwa

Cat Dvar, MCDHH
Sharon Harrison, MCDHH
Alysha Nuttall, MCDHH

Peggy Lee, MCDHH

**SAC Members:**
Zinma Camelio
Brock Cordeiro
Ellen Perkins
Linda Sakin
Kerry Thompson

Lori Seidman

Leah McGaughey

**Attendees from Community:**
Marlene Blackstone, ViAbility
Stephanie Clark, MSAD
Michelle Cline
Kellynette Gomez, MSAD
Shonnese Grant

Neil MacGill, ViAbility

Lee Nettles

Dee Spinkston

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| **Agenda Topic** | **Discussion** | **Follow up/Person Responsible** |
| Welcome  | * Communication Procedures
* Introductions
* Review of Agenda
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| October Meeting Minutes  | * Minutes approved as submitted
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| Action Items:  | * Reappointments and new SAC members; nomination committee: Michelle Dardeno, Stephanie Hakulin, Ellen Perkins, Zinma Camelio
* Next meeting agenda
 | Send SAC recommendations to committeeSend agenda recommendations to Michelle |
| Commissioner’s Report  | * Recognition of Terry Malcolm and Diana Batch upon their retirement
* Performance Recognition Program – MCDHH is proud to recognize the 35th Anniversary Committee, Carol Menton as Interim Case Management Director, and Jon O’Dell as recipient of the Governor Paul Cellucci Award for Leadership and Mentoring in State Government
* New hires: 2 SUD interpreters
* Project updates: Screening redesign ongoing; workforce development activities underway; After Hours Emergency Program ongoing.
 | PowerPoint (attached to minutes) |
| Legislative Task Force | * Legislators currently out of session
* Bills to be filed for next session are due **January 20 before 5 pm**
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| Next SAC Meeting | * January 12, 2023 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  |