

DCT Executive Board Meeting
CEO update
Thursday, January 15, 2026

1. Executive Summary - Pillar Objectives and Progress -

- **QUALITY –**
 - DCT submitted its third level application to PEN, LLC on December 30, 2025.
 - We are scheduled to have PEN, LLC survey DCT the week of March 23-April 17, 2026.
 - Using the Baldrige Framework, we have been implementing a series of best practices over the past 4 years to improve quality of care and organizational performance.
- **SERVICE –**
 - CBS's Integrated Community Supports (ICS) admitted its first individual to this service with another potential 3-4 pending the outcomes of the SRB and county decision. We have 12 private individuals leasing space within this complex.
- **PEOPLE -**
 - Ongoing recruitment and retention of staff continues across DCT with a vacancy rate hovering around 7.4%.
- **FINANCIAL –**
 - John Dinsmore and Lynn Glancey will provide more information based on the work of the financial workgroup.
 - Overall funded budgets are within budget.
- **TECHNOLOGY –**
 - MNIT is assessing staffing and support needs, Executive Team–approved funding positions were authorized in November, and Business Technology Office (BTO)/MNIT will provide an Executive Team update in January.
 - The AI Deployment Planning Team presented a 98-page AI Deployment Plan to DCT leadership on 12/9/25, outlining activities, findings, and recommendations.
 - A summary report was presented to the Executive Team on 12/16/25 for approval of the AI vision, next steps, and governance framework.

2. Communications Perspective –

- Communications is planning to deploy the Priority Admission dashboard, which is being done according to statute and will be posted quarterly on the public website. 652

3. Advisory Committee Update: (Reminder only – Updates will be routinely provided by Dan Storkamp)

- a) Key Timelines:
 - Expires on December 31, 2027
- b) Membership -
 - Legislators
 - Sen. John Hoffman/Erin May Quade in Sen Hoffmans absence
 - Sen. Paul Utke
 - Rep. Bianca Virnig
 - Rep. Dave Baker
 - NAMI - Marcus Schmit
 - Marcus Schmit, the new NAMI Executive Director
 - Union Rep –
 - Jessica Langhorst
 - Association of MN Counties
 - Tara Jebens-Singh
- c) **New members appointed - Individuals with lived experience x 2 –**
 - a. James Carlson
 - b. Jim Postier

4. Executive Board Work Group

- Finance Work group – John Dinsmore will provide any new updates.
- Quality and Compliance workgroup – Mary Maertens will provide any new updates.

5. Transfer of Duties from DHS to DCT - Revisor Update:

- i. Under Minn. Stat. 246C.05, DCT was required to effectively transfer its employees from DHS to DCT.
- ii. Protections that were provided under this section to transferred employees include:
 - No alterations of a staff's employment status and job classification altered as a result of the transfer
 - Representation under their classification shall continue and should not be altered due to the transfer
 - Bargaining agreements shall continue
 - Total length of time of temporary staff shall include the total time under DHS and DC

- iii. Once all transfer of duties from DHS to DCT have been completed, DHS commissioner shall confirm by providing notice to the Revisor of Statute. Once the notice is received, this section under Ch. 246C expires.
 - This letter was received by Commissioner Shireen Gandhi on
- iv. The big take away is that this notice does not limit the employee protection, it just identifies that under the transfer, transferred employees' rights were adhered to and not altered based on the transfer.

6. Infection Control Update:

- Currently there is no Chickenpox today,
- COVID is present and DCT is taking the necessary steps to ensure patient/client safety across DCT.