

Meeting Minutes: MI&D Task Force Meeting

Date: 2/25/2025
Minutes prepared by: Kari Gallagher
Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

- Marshall Smith
- Dr. Hirachan
- Robin Bode
- Sue Abderholden
- Jinny Palen
- Dr. Kristen Otte
- Dr. Amber Lindeman
- Mike Biglow
- Anne Zimmerman
- Cassie Sassenberg
- Sheila Novack
- Lisa Harrison-Hadler

Guests

- Matt Freeman
- Dr. KyleeAnn Stevens

Next Meeting

Date: March 24, 2025
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm
Location: Scott County Government Center, Room 170, 200 4th Ave W Shakopee, MN 55379

Agenda

1. Open Introductions, 12:00pm-12:15pm

- a. Dr. Soniya Hirachan, Executive and Medical Director of Forensic Services
- b. Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of NAMI

2. Recommendations from Workgroup 1 and Workgroup 2, 12:15pm-1:15pm

- a. Workgroup 1 (Objectives 1 and 2)
- b. Workgroup 2 (Objective 5 and 6)

3. Discussion of Other Workgroups 1:15pm-1:30pm

4. Individuals and Families Share Experiences

5. Adjournment

Meeting Notes

Opening Introductions

- I. Introductions from task force members and guests

Recommendations from Workgroup 1 and Workgroup 2

- I. Workgroup 1 (Objectives 1 and 2)
 - a. [Friends and Family Survey](#) that was completed
 - b. The workgroup has compiled a draft document but has not yet finalized it to ensure accuracy and coherence
 - c. Data on commitment trends was discussed
 - d. The group examined national trends
 - i. The workgroup acknowledged the complexities and trade-offs of Minnesota's system, recognizing the need for further discussion to refine recommendations. The next steps involve reviewing the compiled information, ensuring clarity in language, and finalizing key takeaways
 - e. The group will meet again to refine the draft before forwarding recommendations to other workgroups.
- II. Workgroup 2 (Objectives 5 and 6)
 - a. Members reviewed data from various surveys and identified gaps, particularly in judicial and examiner input. Key discussions focused on the need for a state-run facility to address

placement challenges, provide stabilization, and serve as an alternative to finalized MI&D commitments.

- b. The workgroup also explored ways to improve discharge processes, enhance case management, and ensure continuity of care, especially in jails.
- c. The workgroup discussed the need to have one to two additional meetings to refine recommendations and finalize the report.

Discussion of Other Workgroups

- I. The group decided to form a single drafting workgroup to handle statutory changes for Objectives 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9. Current workgroups will first complete their reports before transitioning to drafting legislative updates. Objective 7 will continue its discussions before merging into the drafting process, while Objectives 8 and 9 will be addressed together to ensure consistency. This approach allows for thorough review and consensus before drafting begins, streamlining recommendations for legislative changes.

Individuals and Families Share Experiences

- I. A statement was made before individuals and families shared their experiences, reminding participants that the meeting is open to the public and being recorded. The recording will be available on the website, and attendees were advised to be mindful of sharing identifying information.