

Meeting Minutes: MI&D Task Force Meeting

Date: 6/16/2025
Minutes prepared by: Kari Gallagher
Location: Scott County Government Center, Room 170; 200 4th Ave W, Shakopee, MN 55379

Attendance

- Marshall Smith
- Dr. Hirachan
- Robin Bode
- Megan Larison
- Calynn Schuck
- Sue Abderholden
- Dr. Kristen Otte
- Dr. Amber Lindeman
- Anne Zimmerman
- Cassie Sassenberg
- Sheila Novack
- Barbara Weckman Brekke
- Lisa Harrison-Hadler
- Dalaine Remes
- Jay Quam

Guests

- Andrea Martin
- Ellie Skelton
- John Burton
- Matt Freeman
- Tim Carey
- Dr. Colt Blunt
- Dr. Joshua Griffiths
- Dr. Michael Thompson
- Andrea Martin
- Dr. Angela Dugan
- Dr. Becky Robinson

Next Meeting

Date: July 21, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm- 4:00pm

Location: Scott County Government Center, Room 170; 200 4th Ave W, Shakopee, MN 55379

Agenda

Report from Workgroup, 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm (Robin Bode)

- Objectives 7 and 9

Report from Workgroup 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm (Dalaine Remes)

- Objectives 3 and 4

Break, 2:00 pm-2:10 pm

Open Discussion for All Workgroup Members, 2:10 pm – 4:00 pm

Meeting Notes

Report from Workgroup-Objectives 7 and 9

- I. Suggested letting people return to the forensic mental health program for up to 6 months if they have medical needs and no other place to go
- II. Suggested extending voluntary return timelines from 60 days to 90 days
- III. Recommended updating legal language to use “Forensic Mental Health Program” instead of “Minnesota Security Hospital”
- IV. No agreement has been reached on:
 - a. Changing the law to exclude people with disabilities or brain injuries
 - b. Changing deadlines for treatment plans
 - c. Changing wording in the law about being “ready for the community

Report from Workgroup-Objectives 3 and 4

- I. Suggested using forensic navigators to help people find services and placements
- II. Proposed using the competency process (statute 611) before making final MI&D commitments
- III. Not enough treatment options or support in jails
- IV. More time is needed to understand how these changes would work

Open Discussion for all Workgroup Members

- I. Many members said more resources are needed:
 - a. Crisis and step-down programs
 - b. Better-trained and better-paid staff
 - c. Safer and more appropriate housing options
- II. Data shared:
 - a. 13% of people in the MI&D program may not meet full criteria
 - b. Some have been in the system for decades
 - c. Very few return to the program due to new crimes
- III. Next steps:
 - a. Workgroups will continue drafting changes
 - b. More meetings may be added to finish the work and prepare the final report