

Disability Services Innovation Grants Fishbowl

2019 Minnesota Age & Disabilities Odyssey Conference

Agenda

Time	Topic
8:00-8:15	Welcome, session structure, learning objectives, innovation grant overview
8:15-8:30	Introductions (DHS and grantees)
8:30-9:15	Round 1 fishbowl (large grantees)
9:15-9:30	Questions from audience
9:30-9:45	BREAK
9:45-10:30	Round 2 fishbowl (small and micro grantees)
10:30-10:45	Questions from audience
10:45-11:00	Wrap-up

Session structure

- Fishbowl: facilitated discussion with grantees and observers
- Two rounds with different groups of grantees
 - Large grants (greater than \$50,000 per year)
 - Small and micro grants (less than \$50,000 per year)
- We will reset our groups of grantees during the break
- Audience may write down questions during discussion, opportunity to ask at the end of each round

Learning objectives

- Summarize the goals of the disability services innovation grants
- Describe various projects funded by the innovation grants
- Describe lessons learned by grantees
- Locate resources for improving outcomes for people with disabilities
- Identify opportunities to engage with the grantees throughout the conference

Innovation grants overview

- Minnesota Legislature authorized and funded the grants in 2015
- Goal to improve outcomes for people with disabilities:
 - Achieve integrated, competitive employment
 - Live where they choose
 - Connect with others in their communities.
- Comprehensive evaluation of grant program and projects in process
- Results based accountability

Innovation grants distribution

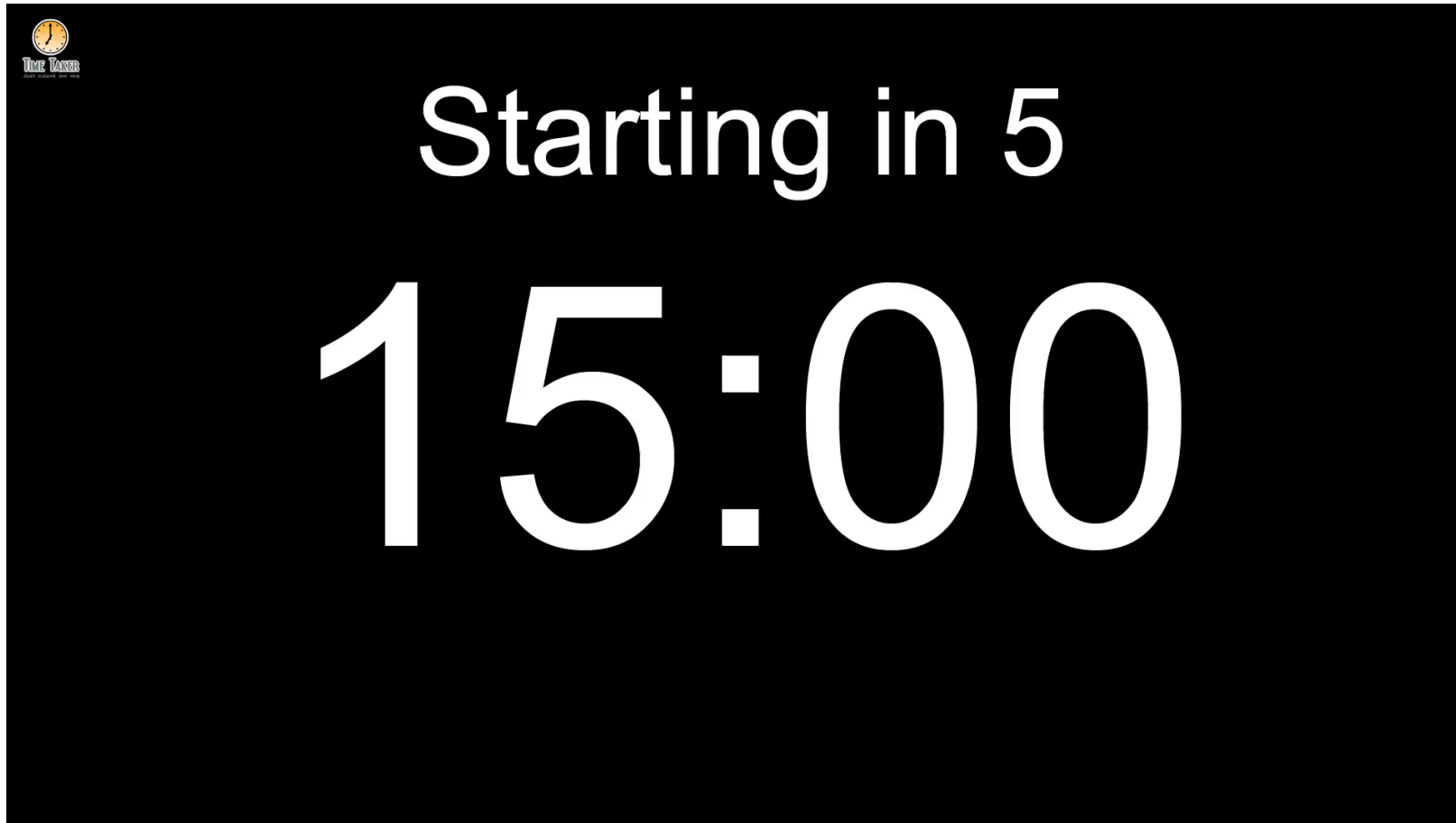
- Large grants up to \$500,000
- Micro-grants up to \$2,000
 - Administered by The Arc Minnesota
 - Offers funding directly to people with disabilities to achieve their personal goals
- Small grants \$2,000 and \$50,000 per year
 - Features a shorter application and easier process for applicants

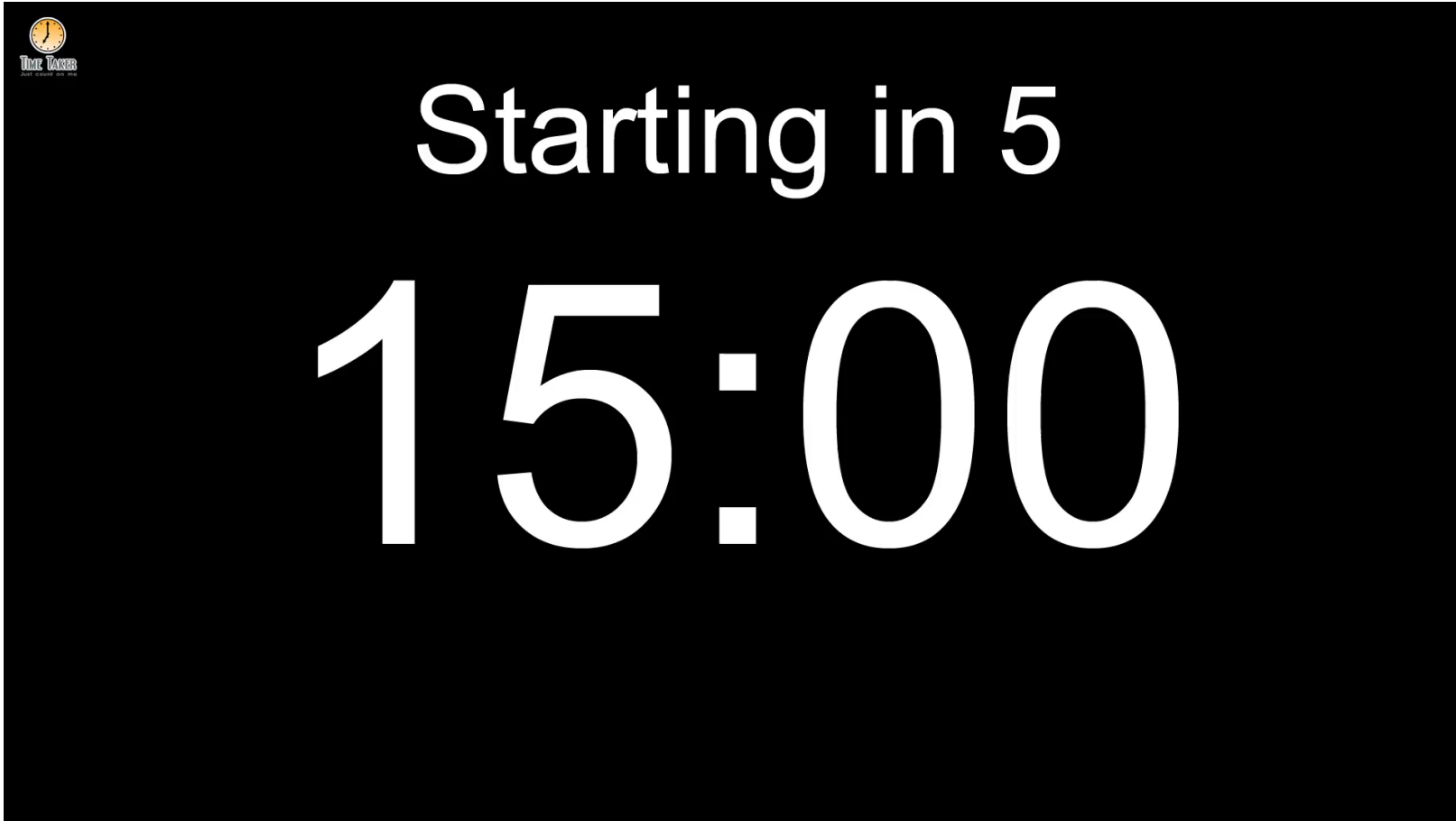
- DHS, Disability Services Division
 - Jason Flint, manager
 - Jennifer Strei, supervisor
 - Gaoly Yang, innovation grants coordinator
 - Mari Moen, fiscal compliance officer
 - Mariam Egal, multicultural grants outreach and evaluation coordinator
 - Miriam DeVaney-Hirman, quality improvement research analyst
- Grantees

Round 1 fishbowl – large grantees

- Facilitated discussion for 45 minutes
- Grantees welcome to answer any question
- Not all grantees need to reply to each question
- Audience may write down questions during the discussion
- Audience questions will be taken at the end of this round of discussion

Audience questions – round 1

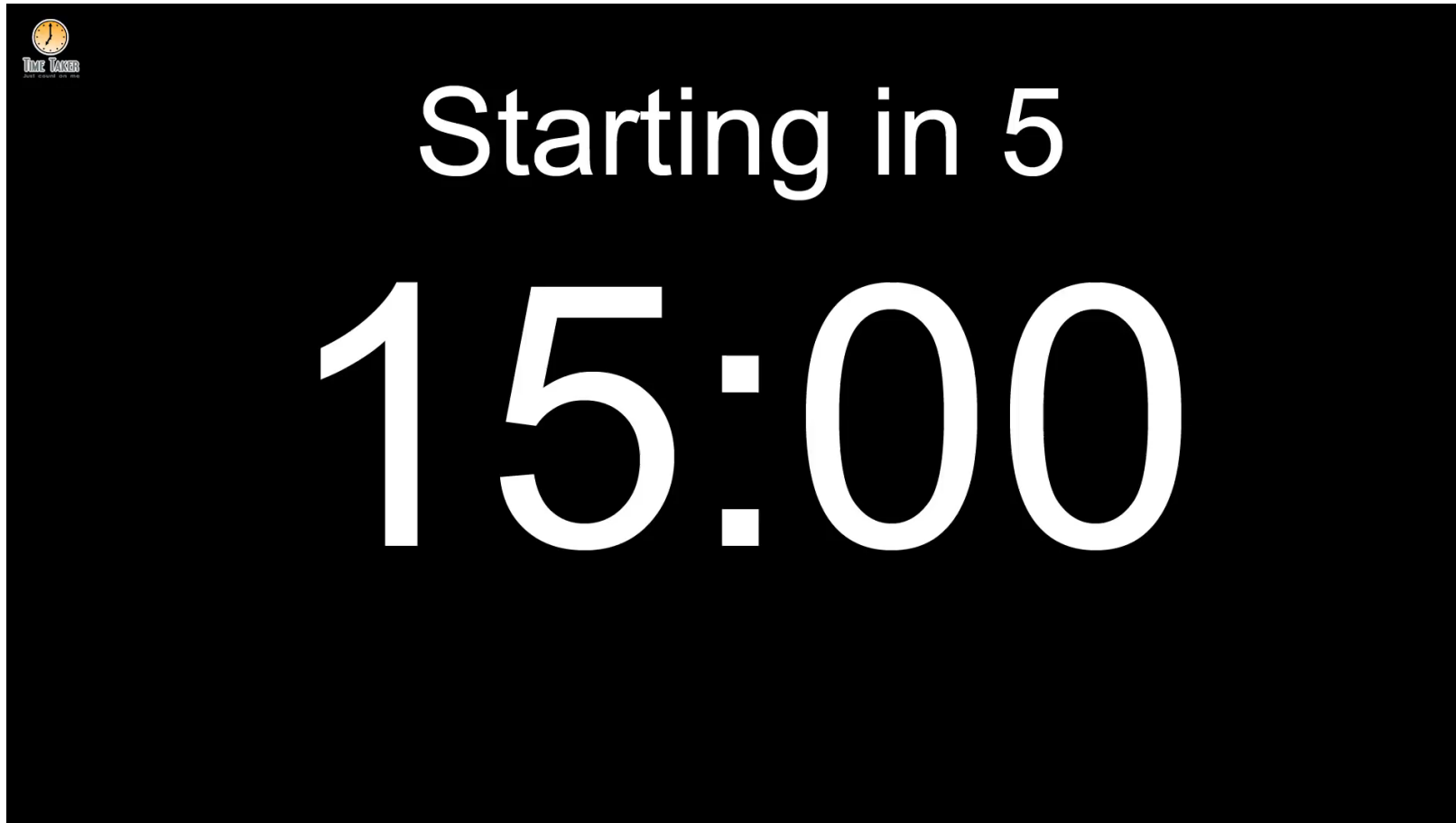




Round 2 fishbowl – small and micro grantees

- Facilitated discussion for 45 minutes
- Grantees welcome to answer any question
- Not all grantees need to reply to each question
- Audience may write down questions during the discussion
- Audience questions will be taken at the end of this round of discussion

Audience questions – round 2



Innovation grantees at Odyssey

- ePoster gallery in Pioneer Hall
 - 26 innovation grant projects across five topic areas
- Concurrent sessions
- General session

- Disability services innovation grants website <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/grants-rfps/disability-innovation-grants/>
- Sign up for Disability Services and/or Grants and RFPs email distribution lists
- Apply for innovation grants – next round small grants in fall 2019

Thank You!

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