

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain
2025 East River Parkway Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

Wednesday, April 6, 2022
12:15 pm – 2:30 pm

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lee Shervheim, Council Chair
Dan Reed, Vice Chair
Michelle Albeck
Jenny Arndt
Wendy Berghorst
Jason Blomquist
Dupree Edwards
Brittanie Hernandez-Wilson
Lesli Kerkhoff (virtual attendance)
Mary Martin
Katie McDermott
Chris McVey
Jillian Nelson
Garrett Petrie
Kate Quale (virtual attendance)
Jenny Santema
Reid Scheller

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Abdi Matan
Lisa Emmert
Kay Hendrikson
Amy Hewitt
Connie Rabideaux
Dan Stewart

GUESTS

Jennifer Giesen
Susan McCullough
Tom Pearson
Anna Phearman
Lynn Schreifels
Bonnie Jean Smith

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Nelson

Paul Nevin

Colleen Wieck

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lee Shervheim called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Shervheim asked each member to introduce themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shervheim asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

MOTION: Nelson moved, seconded by McDermott to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Shervheim asked for a motion to approve the February 2, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Albeck moved, seconded by Hernandez-Wilson to approve the Minutes for February 2, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

V. PROGRAM PRESENTATION—2022 ATTITUDE SURVEY

Tom Pearson from MarketResponse International presented the results of the 2022 General Population Study. This survey repeats the 1962 Attitude Survey and the replication studies in 2007, 2012, and 2017. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

Discussion ranged across several topics including:

- MarketResponse International used an online tool called Remesh to test survey questions and collect qualitative comments.
- Even though the general public is in favor of increased spending for services there is not enough legislative engagement to make funding sufficient.
- A question was asked, “Are those who aren’t familiar with people with developmental disabilities inclined to give higher ratings to state government compared to those who are more familiar?” The followup by MarketResponse showed that there was a higher rating from those who were more familiar, but it was not statistically significant.”
- There is a difference between the “what” on page 10 and the “how” on page 11.
- There may be a general attitude shift toward all marginalized groups and not just people with disabilities.
- In the 21st Century we have new issues that may not have been present in 1962.
- Social media may have had a major influence on the general population and public attitudes.
- Discriminatory attitudes (ableism) are embedded in terms of how people are viewed. There is a fragile reality.
- More public education is needed to counter negative attitudes.
- Not sure how to answer some of the survey questions if they are too vague.
- ADA compliance is not costly, but some people believe accommodations are.
- All voters should be held to the same standards as people with disabilities.

- The word subsidies should be changed in future studies. That may be a negative trigger for some.

Council members thanked MarketResponse International staff for their excellent work.

VI. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Lisa Emmert was unable to attend the meeting and so Brittanie Wilson served as acting chair and provided the report. The Grant Review Committee spent their time today reviewing and updating the Request for Proposal for Self-Advocacy. Wilson emphasized the need for outreach to marginalized communities and culturally competent advocacy. The RFP will be issued soon with proposals due on May 13, 2022, and the Committee will review applications at the June meeting.

VII. PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Both Reid Scheller and Garrett Petrie reported on behalf of the Committee. The primary discussion was about health disparities and people with disabilities. Teresa Ambroz, Mark Kinde and Wendy Berghorst from the Minnesota Department of Health led the discussion about HF4706. The Governor included funding for staff to work on health disparity issues. Teresa explained the bill and its implications if funded. The Committee then endorsed sending a letter to both the House and Senate supporting HF4706 and SF4410.

MOTION: Petrie moved, seconded by Nelson requesting the staff to send a letter to both the House and Senate in full support of both HF4706 and SF4410. Motion carried.

The Public Policy Committee also reviewed a report prepared in 2007 about prevention of secondary conditions. This report included a Vision Statement and so the committee members reviewed each part of the Vision Statement. Several updates and edits were suggested. Mark Kinde, Wendy Berghorst and Colleen Wieck will work on making the edits and will present the revised Vision Statement at the June meeting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Wieck highlighted the following updates:

- Congress approved FFY 2022 appropriations on March 11, 2022. We have not received the final Notice of Award letter.
- Public Health Worker Infrastructure funding awarded by ACL. Because some states did not take the funding, the total was \$95,319.00. We will be working with the DD Network and MDH on these activities.
- The FFY 2020 and FFY 2021 Program Performance Reports were submitted on March 1, 2022. The federal government introduced a new reporting platform and there were multiple problems.
- The federal government has asked us to add more details about our Five-Year Plan in the area of objectives and activities. We have prepared more information and we are waiting to enter this information.

- The latest version of the Olmstead Plan amendments will be available for public comment soon. Class 39 Partners in Policymaking class members participated in providing testimony and written comments.
- The five Olmstead workgroups will end their meetings in May and recommendations will be submitted to the Olmstead Subcabinet in July.
- Everyone is invited to come to the Open House on May 21st at 1:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza Aire hotel in Bloomington to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Partners in Policymaking. We will be converting the *Invisibility* book into exhibit posters.
- For the March DD Awareness Month, Alex Junge was featured at the top of the website. He presented his poetry at the December meeting and was taped in January. The Governor issued a Proclamation and Brittanie Wilson was featured in a national video produced by NACDD.
- All state buildings will reopen on April 22, 2022
- The Council will be exhibiting at the Down Syndrome and Autism Conferences in April.
- Partners in Policymaking marketing materials are now available for Class 40.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Nelson moved, seconded by Arndt that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Wieck
Executive Director