

**MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL
ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Wednesday, December 3, 2014
12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Continuing Education and Conference Center
University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus
1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Reed, Chair
Ashley Bailey
Marrie Bottelson
Dawn Bly
Mary Hauff
Pamela Hoopes
David R. Johnson
Eric Kloos
Steve Kuntz
Barb Lundeen
Lynne Megan
Alexandra Morrissey
Carolyn Perron
David Quilleash
Mary Raasch
Robbie Reedy
Bonnie Jean Smith
Mike Stern
Wendy Velzke
Katheryn Ware

STAFF PRESENT

Colleen Wieck
Mary Jo Nichols

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Alex Bartolic
Jim Lovold
Mary O'Hara Anderson

ABSENT

Melissa Winger

GUESTS

Senator John Hoffman
Jean Bender, The Arc Minnesota
Peg Booth, Jensen Implementation Office
Laurie Beyer-Kroupenske, Department of
Administration
Ralph Brown, Management Analysis and
Development
Diane Getzlaff, interpreter
Nancy Miller, Metropolitan State University
Larry Moody, Autism Society of Minnesota
and Autism Speaks
Stephanie Nelson, Southside Services
Judy Plante, Management Analysis and
Development
Jennifer Sommerness, Minnesota SEAC
Joan Willshire, Minnesota State Council on
Disability
Darlene Zangara, Olmstead Implementation
Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dan Reed, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced him/herself.

COUNCIL PROGRAM

Judy Plante, Management Analysis and Development, referred back to the October Council meeting where the entire day was spent in working sessions to discuss and identify statutes, rules, policies, or funding that may present barriers to various components of the Olmstead Plan in terms of full integration and most integrated setting. A draft version of the comprehensive analysis, based on the comments and feedback provided at the October meeting, was then prepared and included in Council meeting packets.

Plante explained that the purpose of today's small group discussions is to identify any particularly good things as well as anything that may be missing from the draft document.

Members were divided into seven separate groups and each group was given a topic. As each group reported out, they were asked to only address new items

Plante asked that input should be noted on the draft document itself and handed in. Everything collected today will be used in the next round of revisions.

Reed thanked Plante and Ralph Brown for their extensive work on this document.

Time was taken to recognize this first week in December as Inclusive Schools Week. Mary Hauff had arranged for Senator John Hoffman to be present as well as a group of individuals who are strong supporters of inclusive education and inclusive schools. Some photos were taken with the Governor's Proclamation.

Reed then called the meeting back to order to conduct Council business.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Reed asked for approval of the Agenda.

MOTION: Reedy moved, seconded by Smith to approve the Agenda.
Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 1, 2014

Reed asked for approval of the Minutes as written for June 4, 2014.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Hoopes to approve the Minutes as written for October 1, 2014. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes..

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Reed introduced Darlene Zangara, Executive Director, Olmstead Implementation Office. Reed noted that he attended a meeting yesterday with the Association of Day Program Providers and that people are looking positively at the implementation of the Olmstead Plan

Zangara said it's always a great opportunity to meet and talk with people. One of the biggest issues now is to create a sound communications plan. We want to utilize all of our partners to carry a strong, unified message about the Olmstead Plan and think about how to bring that message to the legislative session. We want to help legislators understand the Plan and appreciate everyone's support.

Budget discussions are happening now. We are prioritizing budget items, and identifying what is and isn't important.

The success of the 5% campaign was a critical next step. We want to continue that discussion with implementing the Olmstead Plan.

Zangara stressed person centered planning as a central component to the whole Plan.

Vi. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Stern reported that the Committee made minor changes to the application for cosponsorship funds for training conferences; that process can now begin.

Merrick, Inc. and the Ambassadors for Respect provided highlights of the results of the anti-bullying campaign that was carried out with 4th grade elementary school students during the past project year. Self advocates, the Ambassadors for Respect, are actively involved in this project, doing presentations and activities with the students to help them understand what it means to respect

each other and how to deal with situations where students with disabilities are bullied.

A bullying incident occurred in a 5th grade class where a training session had been previously done. Merrick and the Ambassadors for Respect were asked by the classroom teacher if they could do a presentation on short notice in response to this incident. A presentation was arranged; the evaluation results were very positive.

Raasch shared some background information about the project.

Morrissey said she would like the group to present in Rochester.

VII. PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Reed reported that Sean Burke, Minnesota Disability Law Center, did a follow presentation regarding the comments and feedback received from Committee members at the October meeting about specific topics related to the CMS Final Rule on Home and Community Based Settings. His PowerPoint presentation will be sent out to members. Submission deadline to the Department of Human Services is December 31, 2014.

Megan said that the Transition Plan to meet compliance with the CMS Final Rule is skeletal.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A Wieck provided the following updates and highlights from monthly reports:

1. A partial allocation for FFY 2015 was received.
2. The federal Program Performance Report is due the end of December.
3. Kevin Dawson has resigned; his family moved out of state.
4. Governor Dayton issued a Proclamation recognizing December 1 – 5, 2014 as Inclusive Schools Week.
5. Olmstead Plan updates:

- a. Some modest revisions were made to the measurable goals and then submitted to the Court on November 10, 2014;
 - b. The Quality of Life pilot survey has been completed and will be discussed at the December 15, 2014 Subcabinet meeting;
 - c. The comprehensive review of statutes, rules, policies and funding that may be barriers and disincentives to integration and the most integrated setting is the work that the Council has done; the document will be finalized and then submitted;
 - d. The measurable goals will be submitted as they come due;
 - e. A new Executive Order will be issued; legislation has been drafted and budget proposals are being reviewed.
6. A 5th Status Report was submitted in November; all Court Monitor reports are reviewed and comments provided.
7. Rule 40 updates:
- a. Input sessions were held, a draft rule finalized, and a SONAR prepared;
 - b. The public hearing is scheduled for February 2015; adoption of the new rule is on schedule for August 2015.
8. ADA Legacy Project updates:
- a. The November "Moment in Disability History" highlights the House hearing on a modified version of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
 - b. Today is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The December "Moment in Disability History" recognizes the international impact that the ADA has had on other countries to adopt disability rights laws;
 - c. A 25th Anniversary publication, *Equal Access, Equal Opportunity 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act*, was released by the ADA Legacy Project. The Council has an ad in the publication and is mentioned in

three different places. Copies of the publication were handed out to Council members.

9. The University of Minnesota will produce an edition of their *Impact* newsletter that focuses on the 25th Anniversary of the ADA.
10. The Council received a Star of the North Award at the Department of Administration's Fall Festival on November 6, 2014; this is the highest honor that the Department gives out.
11. The Council also received a State Government Innovation Award from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs for the "Telling Your Story" app.

B. FFY 2014 Business Results

Wieck presented the FFY 2014 Business Results. Copies were handed out to Council members. The Business Results will also be posted at the Council website.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Reed asked that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: Reedy moved, seconded by Velzke to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Wieck
Executive Director