

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

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
12:15 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.
Continuing Education and Conference Center
University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus
1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator John Hoffman, Chair
Ashley Bailey, Vice Chair
Alex Bartolic, Vice Chair
Emilie Breit
Mary Hauff
Pamela Hoopes
Eric Kloos
Barbara Lundeen
Kate Onyeneho
Linda Simenstad
Bonnie Jean Smith
Michael Stern
Katheryn Ware
Alan Wilensky

STAFF PRESENT

Colleen Wieck
John McGrory
Mary Jo Nichols

MEMBERS EXCUSED

David R. Johnson
Jim Lovold
Lynne Megan
Carolyn Perron
David Quilleash
Mary Raasch
Robbie Reedy
Jacqueline Rightler

MEMBER ABSENT

Marrie Bottelson

GUESTS

Stephanie Nelson, Southside Services
Judy Plante, Management Analysis and
Development

I. CALL TO ORDER

Senator John Hoffman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Bad weather affected today's attendance.

COUNCIL PROGRAM

Judy Plante, Management Analysis and Development, reviewed each of the proposed Goal Statements for the Five Year State Plan with the edits and changes made during the January 13, 2016 Special Meeting.

One change was made to the Employment goal statement, item C; a portion of that item was deleted –

Increasing and improving access to inclusive postsecondary education and other career focused training opportunities. ~~that prepare individuals to meet the needs of the job or employment market.~~

It was noted that regardless of what has happened in the employment market, employment for people with disabilities hasn't changed. Competitive employment is intended.

The Note at the end of the set of proposed Goal Statements was also edited –

All ~~measurable~~ goals should align with the Olmstead Plan.

Plante said that after today, the final proposed Goal Statements will be available for a public review and comment period.

MOTION: Stern moved, seconded by Smith to send out the final proposed Goal Statements for public comment. Motion carried. There were no dissenting votes.

The business portion of the Council meeting followed.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced him/herself.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hoffman asked for approval of the Agenda.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 7, 2015

Hoffman asked for approval of the Minutes for December 2, 2015.

MOTION: Hauff moved, seconded by Smith to approve the Minutes as written for December 2, 2015. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes.

V. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Smith reported the evaluation results and funding recommendations for cosponsorship funds for training conferences. Ten applications were received and all were approved for funding at the requested level.

A total of \$20,000 was available but only \$16,725 was requested. No funding reductions needed to be made. Committee members decided that the balance of funds in the amount of \$3,275 should be made available in another round of grant applications.

Smith reminded members about the Conflict of Interest Policy and Conflict of Interest Form. The Form must be signed if a member does not have a conflict of interest with the applicant organization. Smith said that each of the funding recommendations will be presented separately so abstentions can be recorded.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Stern to approve the application submitted by **Advocating Change Together, Inc.** for **\$ 2,000.00**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Breit to approve the application submitted by **The Arc of Freeborn County** for **\$ 1,400.00**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Simenstad to approve the application submitted by **The Arc Greater Twin Cities** for **\$ 2,000.00**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes. Hauff and Stern abstained.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Simenstad to approve the application submitted by **The Arc Kandiyohi County** for **\$ 550.00**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Breit to approve the application submitted by **The Arc Minnesota** for **\$ 1,100.00**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes. Hauff abstained.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Breit to approve the application submitted by **The Arc Southeastern MN/SAM Southeast** for **\$ 2,000.00**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Breit to approve the application submitted by the **Autism Society of Minnesota** for **\$ 2,000.00**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Simenstad to approve the application submitted by the **Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota** for **\$ 1,950.00**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes. Hauff abstained.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Simenstad to approve the application submitted by the **Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota** for **\$ 2,000.00**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by Breit to approve the application submitted by **Reach for Resources, Inc.** for **\$ 1,725.00**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes. Hauff abstained.

VI. PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Katheryn Ware reported that the Committee began by discussing asset limits for Medical Assistance recipients. The Committee also heard from Alex Bartolic regarding person-centered planning and its role regarding the Olmstead Plan.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Wieck provided the following updates and highlights from monthly reports:
1. Two Council member appointments are in process. Alan Wilensky was recently selected to serve on the Council.
 2. The annual Program Performance Report was submitted on time.
 3. The Council will celebrate its 45th Anniversary in October. A monthly series of Council activities and accomplishments will be posted on our website.
 4. A Public Media Forum will be held on February 29, 2016 at the University of Minnesota. To date, all major television channels and the *Star Tribune* have accepted invitations to attend. Robb Leer will facilitate the media panel.
 5. A supplemental budget request has been prepared for fellowships to work on the Olmstead Plan.
 6. As of the end of December, more than \$100,000 had been requested from the Centralized Accommodations Fund; 10 different agencies have requested funds.
 7. Assistance continues to be provided to the Ombudsman Office for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities regarding two individuals who are Class members.
 8. A mediation session is scheduled for February 23, 2016 to address the two remaining goal areas in the Olmstead Plan – assistive technology, and preventing abuse and neglect.
 9. A stipulation and order was prepared for Jensen Settlement Agreement and Olmstead Plan reporting and administrative actions to accelerate Olmstead Plan goals.
 10. John McGrory will be working with the Council now through June 30, 2016 to assist with Olmstead activities.

11. A thank you was extended to everyone who attended the January 13, 2016 special meeting to work on the Five Year State Plan Goal Statements.
12. The proposed Goal Statements will now go out for a public review and comment period. The Grant Review Committee will then look at objectives and dollars.
13. The rest of the Plan will be presented in June, the Commissioner and Council Chair need to sign off on assurances, and the Plan must be submitted by August 15, 2016.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Bailey asked that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Wieck
Executive Director