

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

Wednesday, June 1, 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
Marrie Bottelson
Emilie Breit
Mary Hauff
Pamela Hoopes
David R. Johnson
Eric Kloos
Barbara Lundeen
Kate Onyeneho
Carolyn Perron
David Quilleash
Robbie Reedy
Jacqueline Rightler
Linda Simenstad
Bonnie Jean Smith
Michael Stern
Alan Wilensky

STAFF PRESENT

Colleen Wieck
John McGrory
Mary Jo Nichols

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kathy Ware

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Jim Lovold
Lynne Megan
Mary Raasch

GUESTS

Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske, Department
of Administration
Irina Dedova, Visiting Scholar
Susan Koch, Department of Human
Services
Steve Larson, The Arc of Minnesota
Chris Lindgren, University of Minnesota
Chris Paul, support person for Robbie
Reedy
Jonah Weinberg, Autism Society of
Minnesota

I. CALL TO ORDER

Senator John Hoffman, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced him/herself.

Agenda item **III. Approval of Agenda** was not formally accepted.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2016

Hoffman asked for approval of the Minutes as written for April 6, 2016.

MOTION: Reedy moved, seconded by Smith, to approve the Minutes as written for April 6, 2016. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes.

COUNCIL PROGRAM

Susan Koch, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Department of Human Services, opened discussion on the upcoming case management redesign project. She explained that DHS is in the setup phase and that she is seeking recommendations to inform the redesign process.

She said that past projects have resulted in some changes but not all changes addressed in 2013-2104 legislation have been fulfilled. These changes included an increase in the choice of case managers, increase in service quality, and an integrated approach to case management.

Phase I of this project covers the March to October time period. All past work and reports will be summarized along with recommendations to date, and where there is agreement about where to go and where not to go will be noted.

Teams are helping with the summaries and all should be available for public vetting in another month. Koch added that it's important to make sure that input that has been received is still current.

Background documents include the rate setting process, comparisons with other states, equity issues, and case management utilization and spending.

Koch shaped the discussion around three main questions, each of which is included here with responses from Council members:

1. What principles or values should drive the case management redesign process?
 - a. Person- and family-centered planning and thinking;
 - b. Family centered services;
 - c. Honesty, integrity, equity, and dignity in relation to people for whom services are provided;
 - d. Consistency in services;
 - e. Self-determination;
 - f. Flexibility and timeliness;
 - g. Accountability to the consumer and follow through;
 - h. Dignity of risk;
 - i. Focus on outcomes based on person centered plans;
 - j. Independence, productivity, self-determination, integration, and inclusion (IPSII);
 - k. Client driven choice of case manager (the individual should have "empowered choice" or the person closest to the individual should be empowered to make those choices);
 - l. Acknowledge individual differences;
 - m. Partnership between the consumer and case manager.

2. What changes would you like to see in case management, and what would you like to see maintained?
 - a. Development of a resource library with services/resource options for different populations and available online;
 - b. Legislating a limit on the number of cases (caseload size);
 - c. Promoting cultural competence;
 - d. Allow choice of case manager regardless of employer or geographic location;
 - e. Consistent expectations between private and public sector case managers;
 - f. The use of specialized subject-matter experts as opposed to relying on case managers to have the broad expertise;
 - g. Assess competency of managers via qualitative and quantitative

- measures; begin with the end in mind, start with the outcome and what is needed to get there;
- h. Allow the consumer to decide whether or not they'd like their manager to have particular degrees/certifications/competencies;
 - i. Menu of choices that can be customized;
 - j. More communication; more contact with case managers;
 - k. Authentic evaluation;
 - l. Service coordination model that helps with both formal and informal community resources.
3. What main messages do you want to communicate to everyone involved in case management planning?
- a. People with disabilities have rights; you should know what they are and help support them.
 - b. People with disabilities know their own lives, what they want, and what they already have.
 - c. People with disabilities have the right to make decisions even if their case managers don't agree with those decisions.

Susan Koch prepared notes; see attached.

V. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Senator Hoffman was thanked for the many bills he carried during the legislative session. It's important that we start to do things differently. Doing the same thing over and over again is just getting the same results. It was good to see that the ABLE Act continues to proceed forward. The Medicaid spenddown success was a small victory but it's been a topic of discussion for many years.

VI. **GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The final allocations for the Five Year State Plan were reviewed by Colleen Wieck. This is the last part of the State Plan process that was started a year ago. A total of \$ 727,959 is available for program goals. The allocations are preliminary and serve as placeholders for the Five Year State Plan.

MOTION: Smith moved, second by Stern, to approve the total budget for FFY 2017 allocations for the State Plan. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes. Reedy abstained.

VII. PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Reedy and Hoffman reported that the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) asked for input from the Committee regarding their upcoming study of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

The OLA seemed willing to look at all HCBS. Members expressed the importance of choice, focusing on what people with disabilities want, and how systems can deliver services better. See the Public Policy Committee Minutes for input offered to the OLA.

Steve Larson presented successes and failures of the recent legislative session, and suggested topic areas for the 2017 Legislative Session.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Colleen Wieck provided the following updates and highlights from monthly reports:
1. Two Council appointments are still in process. Diversity recruitment and inclusion efforts are priorities in finding candidates.
 2. The third in a series about the Council's history has been released; this segment covers the 1982-1986 time period.
 3. A supplemental budget request for \$ 148,000 for work on the Olmstead Plan was passed and signed. Senator Hoffman was thanked for his role in assuring these funds were approved.
 4. Class 33 Partners in Policymaking graduated the weekend of May 13-14, 2016. A photo of the graduating class was sent to the Governor's Office to provide possible candidates for Governor appointments.
 5. The Olmstead Subcabinet met on May 23, 2016 and approved the Assistive Technology and Preventing Abuse and Neglect goal areas.
 6. A status conference is scheduled for June 6, 2016 to address the Jensen case; the most recent Court Monitor's report that includes

mobile teams and crisis intervention services, and follow along issues on class members; the Olmstead Plan; positive support issues; and misconceptions about the Jensen Settlement Agreement and how to address all of the false information that continues.

7. We have begun inputting the Five Year State Plan; the submission deadline is August 15, 2016. Senator Hoffman and Commissioner Massman sign the Assurances.
8. The Five Year State Plan requires a Collaboration goal with the Minnesota Disability Law center and the Institute on Community Integration; employment has been identified.
9. The Department of Administration has released five goals and statements about each. The goals are Diversity and Inclusion, Customer Satisfaction, Technology Optimization Sustainability, Employee Engagement, and Best Value. Our current Work Plan fits within the Department goal areas.
10. the Olmstead goal of preventing abuse and neglect is supported by data collected by the major state agencies. Graphs showing levels of abuse were presented to the Council.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Wieck
Executive Director