



MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

June 7, 2023
12:15 p.m. -- 2:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lee Shervheim, Council Chair
Dan Reed, Vice Chair
Jenny Arndt
Wendy Berghorst
Jason Blomquist
Kay Hendrikson
Brittanie Hernandez-Wilson
Mary Martin
Katie McDermott
Chris McVey
Jillian Nelson
Garrett Petrie
Connie Rabideaux (virtual attendance)
Reid Scheller

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Michelle Albeck
Dupree Edwards
Lisa Emmert
Amy Hewitt
Lesli Kerkhoff
Abdi Matan
Kate Quale
Jenny Santema

GUESTS

Marisol Chiclana-Ayala
David Dively
Lativ McCloud
Jennifer Purrington

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Nelson
Paul Nevin
Colleen Wieck

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Lee Shervheim called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Lee presented the Council with a gift from the estate of US Senator David Durenberger. President George H.W. Bush sent a framed thank you letter and commemorative pen to Senator Durenberger on the day President Bush signed the ADA (July 26, 1990). Susan Bartlett Foote asked that this piece of history be shared with as many others as possible especially Partners in Policymaking classes.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Shervheim asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shervheim asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

MOTION: Hernandez-Wilson moved, seconded by Nelson to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FROM APRIL 5, 2023, AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM APRIL 13, 2023

Shervheim asked for a motion to approve both the April 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes and the Executive Committee Minutes from April 13, 2023.

MOTION: Martin moved, seconded by Hernandez-Wilson to approve the Minutes from the April 5, 2023 Council Meeting, and the Executive Committee Minutes from April 13, 2023. Motion carried.

V. UPDATE ABOUT THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

David Dively, Executive Director of the Minnesota Council on Disability shared updates from the Legislative Session.

- There will be an increase in PCA wages.
- MA-EPD asset limits were removed. Premiums remain unchanged.
- Funding recommendations from the Task Force on Subminimum Wages passed. This will further the state’s transition away from subminimum wage toward competitive integrated employment through the establishment of a Technical Assistance Center, training for case managers, changes to MnCHOICES assessment, and grants to lead agencies.
- TEFRA Parental Fees will no longer be part of the system. Parents who worked to get this change passed will now be working to eliminate MA-EPD premiums.

- The Rare Disease Advisory Council received ongoing funding to support diagnosis, treatment, and other care.
- Access to inclusive higher education will be expanded, and more information will be available this summer on grant opportunities and technical assistance.
- Affordable and accessible housing projects were funded.
- Public Safety Forms need to be updated. Legal blindness was added as a qualifying condition for disability parking.
- The Metropolitan Council is beginning to plan the Metro Mobility Enhancement Pilot Program.
- Chapter 43A which governs state personnel practices was modernized and includes improvements to Connect 700 and more requirements for ADA coordinators working inside state government.
- Long-term COVID within the Department of Health received funding.
- MCD received a 250% increase in their funding, in the form of a capacity building increase as well as Legacy funding. This will allow for increased capacity in their work.
- The transition age in education has been increased to 22 years old.

VI. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee reviewed the Five-Year Plan goals and affirmed each program goal individually. The Committee also reviewed and recommended proposed allocations for each program goal for FFY 2024. The Committee recommended additional funding for the Ambassadors for Respect program.

Self-Advocacy

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Hernandez-Wilson to affirm the program goal as approved in the Five-Year Plan and approve \$140,000 in funding. Motion carried. There were no abstentions.

Cultural Outreach

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Martin to affirm the program goal as approved in the Five-Year Plan and approve \$70,000 in funding. Motion carried. There were no abstentions.

Leadership Development (Partners in Policymaking)

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Blomquist to affirm the program goal as approved in the Five-Year Plan and approve \$210,000 in funding. Motion carried. There were no abstentions.

Employment

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Nelson to affirm the program goal as approved in the Five-Year Plan and approve \$90,000 in funding. Motion carried. There were no abstentions.

Training Conferences

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Reed to affirm the program goal as approved in the Five-Year Plan and approve \$20,000 in funding. Motion carried. There were no abstentions.

Customer Research

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Arndt to affirm the program goal as approved in the Five-Year Plan and approve \$100,000 funding. Motion carried. There were no abstentions.

Publications, Websites, and Online Courses

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Arndt to affirm the program goal as approved in the Five-Year Plan and approve \$156,160 in funding. Motion carried. There were no abstentions.

Quality Improvement

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Berghorst to affirm the program goal as approved in the Five-Year Plan and approve \$20,000 in funding. Motion carried. There were no abstentions.

Ambassadors for Respect RFP

The Committee reviewed the application from PeaceMaker Minnesota in response to the RFP for the Ambassadors for Respect from program. The Committee also brainstormed how the program can continue to grow and expand.

MOTION: Shervheim moved, seconded by Hernandez-Wilson to approve the application and fund PeaceMaker Minnesota at \$40,000. Motion carried. There were no abstentions.

VII. PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Scheller summarized the Public Policy Committee Meeting. Three staff members from the Office of the Legislative Auditor attended the meeting to collect feedback about the Metro Mobility system for a program evaluation report that will be issued in early 2024. Representatives from the Minnesota Department of Health shared information about their efforts to include disability in their health equity efforts. The Russell Herder agency presented an overview of the Treat People Like People campaign.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The Governor’s appointment process has been very slow this year. Members continue to serve until their successors are appointed. The Governor’s General Counsel would like these appointments completed by June 30, 2023.

The Legislature approved \$222,000 for the Council in general funds and \$50,000 in Legacy funds. Recruitment for Class 41 of Partners in Policymaking is underway.

The Council scheduled a day in the studio on May 23rd to create a 245D Bill of Rights training package like the SLF Bill of Rights training package. The Council viewed Dupree Edwards’ original hip hop song about the Bill of Rights under Minnesota Statute 245D. There were many positive comments about his work.

Actors present for the filming of the new 245D Bill of Rights videos shared their reactions to the taping session including:

- We feel bad for people who have these kinds of experiences in group homes.
- It was a very comical day making the videos
- It is sad that we must make this kind of video
- There was a serious side to making these rights videos
- Grateful a visiting dog could attend and be part of the videos. The living dog met a battery-operated creepy cat in one of the scenarios.
- Some of the scenarios represented the lived experience of actors.

The Council viewed the WCCO interview of Sarah St. Louis and Linda Hood about the 2023 legislation that just passed requiring adult changing tables in restrooms of new public buildings.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Shervheim asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Martin moved, seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Wieck
Executive Director