

Meeting Minutes: Olmstead Leadership Forum

Date: 09/27/2021

Location: Zoom meeting platform

Attendance

Leadership Forum Members

- Erin Sullivan Sutton, Department of Human Services (DHS)
- Chris McVey, Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
- Tim Henkel, Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Ann Schulte, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
- Daron Korte, Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)
- Gerri Sutton, Metropolitan Council (MetC)
- Mike McElhiney, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)
- Scott Buetel, Department of Human Rights (MDHR)
- Lisa Harrison-Hadler, Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (OMHDD)
- Colleen Wieck, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD)

Olmstead Implementation Office Staff

- Shelley Madore
- Diane Doolittle
- Chloe Ahlf
- Carolyn Sampson
- Mike Tessneer
- Rosalie Vollmar

Guests

- Natasha Merz (DHS)
- Curtis Buhman (DHS)
- Dan Baker (DHS)

- Gloria Smith (DHS)
- Brittany Pennington (DHS)
- Mariam Egal (DHS)
- Heidi Hamilton (DHS)
- Robin Widley (MDE)
- Tanya Derby (MDE)
- Rachel Wannarka (MDE)
- JP Mahoehney (MDH)
- Jon Roesler (MDH)
- JoAnn Brown (DOC)
- Kirby Pitman (MHFA)
- Kristie Billiar (DOT)
- Sara Dunlap (DOT)
- Michelle Chmielewski (DEED)
- Rebecca Sunder (DEED)
- Carrie Marsh (DEED)
- Dacia VanAlstine (DEED)

Workgroup Members

- Joel Salzer, Minnesota Housing (MHFA)
- Amber McCort (Juvenile Justice)
- Beau RaRa (Juvenile Justice)
- Katrina Dexter (Juvenile Justice)
- Kate Erickson, Department of Corrections (DOC)
- Judy Moe (Housing)
- Sara Huffman (Housing)
- TJay Middlebrook (Workforce Shortage)
- Nicole Edwards (Workforce Shortage)
- Veritext Captioning and Reporting Services, Inc. (CART provider)

Agenda Review

Chair Harrison-Hadler reviewed the agenda and proceeded with no changes.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Approve the August 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion – Wieck Second – Sullivan Sutton

In favor: Roll call vote was taken with 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent and 3 Abstains

- MHFA – Absent
- DHS – Abstain
- DEED – Aye
- MnDOT – Aye
- DOC – Abstain
- MDH – Aye
- MDHR – Aye
- MDE – Aye
- MDVA – Abstain
- DPS – Absent
- MetC – Aye
- OMHDD – Aye
- GCDD – Aye

Agenda Items

Compliance Input into Plan Amendment Process

Mike Tessneer (OIO Compliance) provided an overview of the upcoming Plan Amendment Process that includes reviewing key elements of the Plan; identifying potential risk areas; and providing recommendations to agency leads, Leadership Forum and the Subcabinet.

Questions and Comments

None

Progress Report on Workgroups

Diane Doolittle (OIO) presented a PowerPoint presentation that included a progress report on the five workgroups.

Questions and Comments

Chair Harrison-Hadler asked all workgroups to consider the following questions:

- How are the workgroups identifying and addressing areas of disparity in opportunities for people with disabilities to live, work, and engage in the most integrated setting?
- What fundamental strategic changes in practice or policy is your group considering?
- What is the plan for engaging people with disabilities and their families?

She also asked the following workgroup-specific questions:

Workforce Shortage Workgroup

- Has the workgroup discussed how to effectively measure how many people want competitive integrated employment versus the number actually in integrated employment?
- Is this data available by race and ethnicity?

Juvenile Justice Workgroup

- How would you plan to identify students with disabilities who are in the juvenile justice system or at risk of entering the juvenile justice system in gathering information for the survey?
- Chairs from the Workforce, Data Collection, Housing, Juvenile Justice workgroups were in attendance and responded to the questions.

Post Meeting Survey Results

Shelley Madore (OIO) reviewed the results of the survey that was sent out after the August 23, 2021 Leadership Forum meeting. She also showcased some of the website pages that deal with upcoming community engagement events.

Questions and Comments

None

Change of Date for November 22, 2021 Leadership Forum Meeting

Shelley Madore (OIO) informed the members that the November meeting is rescheduled to December 6, 2021. OIO will send updated Outlook invitations. She also talked about the new meeting registration process.

Questions and Comments:

Chair Harrison-Hadler asked if the Leadership Forum members would be notified by email as materials are posted to the website. Shelley Madore will follow up on that.

Discussion Question - Where are some opportunities to work across agencies to enhance outcomes for people?

In the interest of time, this agenda item was not addressed at this meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Next Meeting

Date: December 6, 2021

Time: 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom meeting platform

Agenda items: (submit proposed agenda items to diane.doolittle@state.mn.us)

- November Quarterly Report
- Olmstead Plan Amendment Process
- Update on Workgroups

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