

Olmstead Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 4, 2019 • 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Minnesota Housing – Lake Superior Room, 400 Wabasha Street North, Suite 400, St Paul

1) Call to Order

Commissioner Ho welcomed everyone. This was the first meeting of the Olmstead Subcabinet Executive Committee under the Walz-Flanagan administration.

2) Introductions

Subcabinet members present: Jennifer Leimaile Ho (Minnesota Housing); Jodi Harpstead Department of Human Services (DHS); Steve Grove Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); Colleen Wieck, Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD); Paul Schnell, Department of Corrections (DOC) joined at 10:16 a.m.

Designees present: Daron Korte, Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)

Guests present: Mike Tessneer, Darlene Zangara, Diane Doolittle, Zoua Vang, Rosalie Vollmar and Sue Hite-Kirk, Olmstead Implementation Office (OIO); Anne Smetak (Minnesota Housing); Erin Sullivan Sutton, Adrienne Hannert, and Stacy Twite (DHS); Kate Erickson, (DOC), Joe Kelley (DPS) and Maura McNellis-Kubat Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (OMHDD)

3) Agenda Review

Commissioner Ho asked if there are any changes needed to the agenda; there were none.

4) Discussion Item

a) Olmstead Subcabinet meetings and the role of the Executive Committee

Under the new administration and the new Executive Order, there is an opportunity to define how the work of the Olmstead Subcabinet proceeds and the role of the Executive Committee in charting a path for the Subcabinet.

The Executive Committee discussed that work of the Subcabinet includes two important components: Court-ordered compliance requirements related to the Olmstead Plan; and the requirements of the Administration’s Executive Order.

Discussion:

Role of the Executive Committee (meet 4+ times a year):

- *Steering function for the Subcabinet*
- *Review reports such as the Quarterly Reports and provide recommendations to the Subcabinet.*
- *Reviewing input from the public comment process and identifying priority areas of focus for the Subcabinet.*

- *Identify areas that would benefit from interagency collaboration and direction to address barriers and disparities to create One Minnesota*
- *When there are areas where there are challenges in making progress, provide a forum to discuss challenges and interagency solutions.*

Role of the Subcabinet (meet 6 times a year)

- *Approve all necessary reports/Plan amendments pursuant to Court requirements.*
- *Once the Executive Committee has identified priority areas of focus, begin to identify and work towards solutions.*

Next steps: Executive Committee recommendation will be presented to the full Subcabinet at the October 28th meeting to implement changes going forward.

b) Prevention of Abuse and Neglect Campaign

1) Recommendations from working group

Mike Tessneer (OIO) reviewed page 5 of the packet and summarized the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect Campaign working group meeting. Colleen Wieck (GCDD) discussed that additional taping is underway to ensure that the campaign reflects the diversity of the state. Commissioner Ho commented that it is good to expand the videos into diverse communities and supports the plan to do more in depth work with these communities to make sure they can see themselves in this work.

A working group will continue to meet to discuss approach, timeline and budget. Further recommendations will be brought back to the Executive Committee.

c) Acting Chair for October 28th Subcabinet meeting

Commissioner Ho is unable to attend the October 28th Subcabinet meeting; Commissioner Harpstead will serve as acting chair for that meeting.

5) Informational Items

a) OIO public input process

Darlene Zangara (OIO) provided a brief update on the upcoming public input process that will help inform the upcoming Plan amendment process and the work of the Olmstead Subcabinet. Subcabinet members were invited to attend any of the public listening sessions to hear firsthand the input from people with disabilities and their families.

6) Adjournment

Commissioner Grove (DEED) announced that October is National Employers of People with Disabilities month. DEED is hosting an innovations series of events starting the week of

October 7th featuring employers who will share best practices for hiring people with disabilities. There will also be media outreach throughout October.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Next Subcabinet Meeting: October 28, 2019 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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