

Olmstead Subcabinet Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 25, 2019, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

1) Call to Order

Commissioner Ho welcomed everyone and provided meeting logistics.

Subcabinet members present: Jennifer Ho, Minnesota Housing; Larry Herke, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA); Mary Catherine Ricker, Minnesota Department of Education (MDE); Colleen Wieck, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD); Roberta Opheim, Ombudsman Office for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (OMHDD); Jan Malcolm, Minnesota Department of Health, (MDH) joined at 2:38 p.m.; and John Harrington, Department of Public Safety (DPS) joined at 2:44 p.m.

Designees present: Stacy Twite, Department of Human Services (DHS); Tim Henkel, Department of Transportation (DOT); Scott Beutel, Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR); Blake Chafee, Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); Wendy Wulff, Metropolitan Council; and Mary Manning (MDH)

Guests present: Mike Tessneer, Rosalie Vollmar, Diane Doolittle and Sue Hite-Kirk, Olmstead Implementation Office (OIO); Anne Smetak, Ryan Baumtrog and Rachel Robinson (Minnesota Housing); Erin Sullivan Sutton, Adrienne Hannert and Alex Bartolic, (DHS); Daron Korte and Tom Delaney (MDE); Stephanie Lenartz and Genelle Lamont (MDH); Kate Erickson (DOC); Maura McNellis-Kubat (OMHDD); Kristie Billiar (DOT); Mary Kay Kennedy and Mary Fenske, Advocating Change Together; Sue Schettle, ARRM; and Bradford Teslow (member of the public).

ASL and CART providers: Mary Catherine (Minnesota Housing); ASL Interpreting Services, Inc.; Paradigm Captioning and Reporting Services, Inc.

2) Introductions

Commissioner Ho asked members to introduce themselves and to provide any information that they would like to share. Members providing additional information included:

- Kate Erickson, Department of Corrections (DOC)
DOC will be holding three listening sessions to propose new goals for the Olmstead Plan. There will be sessions at Lino Lakes Correctional Facility and the Shakopee Correctional Facility. The third will be a session will be on January 21, 2020 and is open to the public. More details will be made shared at a later date.
- Assistant Commissioner Chaffee (DEED)
 - Dee Jorgerson has been hired as the Director for Vocational Rehabilitation Services.
 - Assistant Commissioner Carol Pankow will be retiring at the end of the month.

- Commissioner Ricker (MDE)
 - Inclusive Schools Week is December 2-6, 2019. The goal is to promote the opportunity for educators, families and students to discuss how to successfully educate all children together. More information and resources can be found on www.inclusiveschools.org

3) Agenda Review

Commissioner Ho asked if there were any changes needed to the agenda. The agenda will focus on two priority areas for the Subcabinet to approve. These include the November 2019 Quarterly Report and the Annual Workplan 2019 Refresh. Other agenda items including public comments will be moved to the December Subcabinet meeting.

4) Approval of Minutes

a) Subcabinet meeting on October 28, 2019

Commissioner Ho asked if there were any changes needed to the minutes for the October Subcabinet meeting.

Motion: Approve October 28, 2019 Subcabinet meeting minutes

Action: Motion: Herke

Second: Ricker

In Favor: All

5) Reports

b) Chair

- Darlene Zangara has accepted a new position as the Executive Director of the Minnesota Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing.
 - The job posting for her replacement as director of the Olmstead Implementation Office will be ready soon.
 - Executive Committee members will be asked to designate a member of their team to serve on the selection committee. Colleen Wieck and Roberta Opheim will also be asked to serve. This is a role with a significant interagency focus and the intent is to make sure interested agencies have a role in the selection process.
 - Agencies are asked to help spread the word through their networks regarding the job posting. The job posting will be circulated when it becomes available.
- The federal court has scheduled the next bi-annual status conference for Monday, January 13, 2020. Specific information regarding an agenda has not been received.
- The current cohort of the Olmstead Academy, guided by Mary Kay Kennedy, will be showcasing their work in the Lake Superior Conference room on Friday, December 13, 2019. Their community projects will be on display and each group will be giving a

presentation about their project, from 1-2 p.m. A reception and opportunity to meet the members of the Academy will be held immediately following the presentation.

- The first round of the Olmstead Public Input Process included five listening sessions, as well as email comments. Comments have been distributed to the Subcabinet agency leads. Round 2 public input period will take place from January 6 – 31, and will include gathering comments by teleconferences and by email. The Executive Committee will review the themes of the public input at their January meeting, which will guide the work going forward. The Amended Plan will be approved at the March 2020 Subcabinet meeting.

Questions/Comments:

Roberta Opheim (OMHDD) stated that some goals have been met or exceeded and she would like to see these goals go beyond what was originally set. Mike Tessneer (OIO) will identify these goals as he reviews the quarterly report.

6) Action Items

a) November 2019 Quarterly Report

The November Quarterly Report tracks progress on measurable goals reporting through October 31, 2019. Mike Tessneer reviewed the Executive Summary (pg. 15 of 156) and provided a brief summary of the goals that are progressing. He identified the goals that are not progressing sufficiently and require additional efforts.

Agency staff from DHS, MHFA and MDE reported on the goals being targeted for improvement and answered questions.

- Erin Sullivan Sutton (DHS) presented on:
 - Transition Services 3 (pg. 25 of 156) – Not on track
 - Positive Supports 3 (pg. 41 of 156) – Not on track
 - Housing 1 (with MHFA) (pg. 47 of 156) – Not met
 - Employment 2 (pg. 48 of 156) – Not met
- Tom Delaney (MDE) presented on:
 - Education 2 (pg. 51 of 156) – Not met

Questions/Comments:

Colleen Wieck (GCDD) stated she has been approached by families of individuals with a developmental or intellectual disabilities who have complained that they are asked to pay tuition for a segregated program that offers no certificate. Therefore, they may choose not to enroll in college. This is a college issue not an MDE issue. Mr. Delaney will follow up with Ms. Wieck.

Motion: Approve the November Quarterly Report

Action: Motion – Harrington

Second – Malcolm

In Favor - All

b) Summary of Olmstead Workplan Refresh Process

Mike Tessneer reported that OIO Compliance has worked with the agency leads to review all existing and proposed workplans. He provided an overview of the summary document.

All workplans align with the requirements of the Olmstead Plan. Workplans include a description of how the agencies address the Plan strategies to achieve the measureable goals. Agency staff were available to answer any questions.

Questions/Comments:

Commissioner Ho informed the Subcabinet that Minnesota Housing will be applying for as many HUD Section 11 vouchers that they can.

Motion: Approve 2019-2020 Olmstead Plan Workplans

Action: Motion – Chafee

Second – Ricker

In Favor - All

7) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next Subcabinet Meeting: December 16, 2019 – 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

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