

Olmstead Subcabinet Meeting Agenda - ANNOTATED

Monday, August 24, 2020 • 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1) Call to Order

The meeting was held using GoTo Webinar. Commissioner Ho welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Those present included:

Subcabinet members present: Jennifer Lemaille Ho, Minnesota Housing (MHFA); Jodi Harpstead, Department of Human Services (DHS); Larry Herke, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA); Roberta Opheim, Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (OMHDD); Mary Catherine Ricker, Minnesota Department of Education (MDE); Colleen Wieck, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (GCDD); Rebecca Lucero, Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

Designees present: Kate Erickson, Department of Corrections (DOC); Tim Henkel, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT); Joseph Kelly, Department of Public Safety (DPS); Daron Korte, MDE; Mary Manning, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH); Dee Torgerson, Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); and Wendy Wulff, Metropolitan Council (Met Council)

Guests present: Mike Tessneer, Rosalie Vollmar, Shelley Madore and Diane Doolittle, Olmstead Implementation Office (OIO); Anne Smetak, Ryan Baumtrog and Vi Bergquist (MHFA); Kristie Billiar (MnDOT); Erin Sullivan Sutton, Natasha Merz, Adrienne Hannert, Catherine Courcy Whitney Terrill and Linda Wolford (DHS); Tom Delaney and Holly Anderson (MDE); Stephanie Lenartz, Ann Schulte and Mark Kinde (MDH); Beth Fondell, University of Minnesota Institute on Community Integration (ICI); Daniel Gulya (North Dakota Olmstead Commission); Sue Schettle (ARRM); Mary Fenske, Dayna Schaefer, Jessica Cambronne, Elizabeth Hannan, Kara Carlson and Katheryn Ware (members of the public)

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2) Commissioner Ho asked that as the roll call is being done, if the members have any good news related to our Olmstead work and disability issues, to share it with the group. The highlights included:

Commissioner Ho (Minnesota Housing)

- In partnership with DHS, Minnesota Housing received a \$6.9 million federal section 811 grant. This creates 183 new integrated housing opportunities for people who are living in an institution, at risk of living in an institution, or are currently unsheltered.
- COVID-19 housing assistance program was launched. This includes \$100 million of housing assistance available for people across the state if they have overdue unpaid housing related bills which includes rent or utilities or mortgage payments.

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- The housing assistance application and other housing resources are available at 211unitedway.org or by calling 211 or texting MNRENT or MNHOME to 898-211.

Commissioner Harpstead (DHS)

- Many large residential providers for people with disabilities in Minnesota have no or low number of COVID cases. This includes state-operated homes.
- More day services for people with disabilities have reopened with more flexible services.

Dee Torgerson (DEED)

- Reopening plans have been submitted for CareerForce locations. The DEED operated locations are closed to the public but holding virtual events including one-on-one assistance and job fairs.
- State Services for the Blind – about half of the people served are students, so many adjustments to services and using a hybrid model just like the schools.
- For several years, Vocational Rehabilitation Services has had only one of four categories open due to funding and capacity of staffing. Since intakes are down, 317 people were moved off the waiting list in May and the expectation is that an additional 318 will be moved off waiting list soon.

Tim Henkel (DOT)

- Transportation accessibility is a need during the pandemic.
- Transit providers across the state have been able to continue providing services.
- There has been a dramatic decrease in ridership, but it is beginning to increase.
- Some state funds were acquired specified for COVID-19 transportation for medical care, etc.

Kate Erickson (DOC)

- Several facilities are being relocated. A person-centered approach is being used across the board, and we are working with community partners and the impacted people on correctional supervision in the community.

Mary Manning (MDH)

- MDH has been working a lot more intensely with the disability community as a priority population and working with people needing housing and special assistance. We are partnering with DHS assisting people with special needs as it relates to violence prevention and connecting people experiencing domestic abuse and homelessness with services and short-term housing.

Commissioner Ricker (MDE)

- MDE learned a lot during the emergency distance learning last spring. We know that disparities grew and we had some gaps to close. Issues identified included internet connectivity, access to technology devices and access to mental health services. Those are were prioritized for the CARES Act money coming to the schools.

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- MDE is making sure that we have ways of very specifically addressing our special needs population so that we can continue meeting the needs of students with IEPs, meeting the needs of students with 504 plans and building in those equitable learning opportunities from the beginning.

Commissioner Herke (MDVA)

- Veteran Affairs received about 5,000 COVID-19 grant requests from veterans, many for housing. We have one of the lowest unsheltered rates for veterans because of the federal funding that helped put veterans in hotels or temporary housing until they can find permanent housing.

3) Agenda Review

Commissioner Ho reviewed the agenda. There were no changes needed to the agenda.

4) Olmstead Showcase

“Mail Your Vote” YouTube Video [<https://vote.selfadvocacy.org/>]

OIO Director Shelley Madore wanted to share a YouTube video “Mail Your Vote,” however there were some technical difficulties with this meeting platform. The video features people with disabilities instructing others on how to utilize the absentee ballot process to vote in the November election. The link will be shared with and posted on Facebook.

5) Approval of Minutes

a) Subcabinet meeting on May 11, 2020

b) Executive Committee meeting on July 29, 2020

Commissioner Ho asked if there were any changes needed to the minutes for the May 11, 2020 and July 29, 2020 meetings. No edits were requested.

Motion: Approve May 2020 and July 2020 meeting minutes

Action: Motion – Henkel Second – Erickson

In Favor: A roll call vote was conducted with 13 Ayes and 0 Nays

MHFA – Aye

DHS – Aye

DEED – Aye

MNDOT – Aye

DOC – Aye

MDH – Aye

MDE – Aye

MDVA – Aye

DPS – Aye

Met Council – Aye

OMHDD – Aye

GCDD – Aye by email

MDHR – Aye by text

6) Reports

a) Chair - Report was provided above.

b) Director

Shelley Madore (OIO) reviewed the Director’s Report on page 13 of the packet which provided an overview of the work being completed by OIO. The final page summarizes the work underway on OIO’s strategic plan.

Questions/Comments:

- Roberta Opheim (OMHDD) had a question about the Quality of Life Survey. She asked if the questions remain the same from previous years, since it is a longitudinal study. Shelley Madore (OIO) confirmed that the questions remain the same, but they are adding some questions about COVID-19.

c) **Legal Office** – There was no report.

d) **Compliance Office**

- Mike Tessneer (OIO) reminded the Subcabinet that some of the roles of the Subcabinet will be changing beginning with the October Executive Committee meeting.
- Mr. Tessneer discussed the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect campaign and stated that he will be reaching out to agencies that offered to financially contribute to the campaign.

Commissioner Ho affirmed the importance of this campaign and encouraged the Subcabinet to reach out to Mr. Tessneer for further discussion.

7) Action Items

a) **August 2020 Quarterly Report**

Mike Tessneer (OIO) reviewed the Executive Summary of the August 2020 Quarterly Report (page 21 of the packet). This quarterly report covered twenty measurable goals: six were met or on track; nine were not on track, or not met; and five goals are in process.

Questions/Comments:

No questions

Motion: Approve the August 2020 Quarterly Report

Action: Motion - Ricker Second - Lucero

In Favor: A roll call vote was conducted with 13 Ayes and 0 Nays

MHFA – Aye

DOC – Aye

DPS – Aye

DHS – Aye

MDH – Aye

Met Council – Aye

DEED – Aye

MDE – Aye

OMHDD – Aye

MNDOT – Aye

MDVA – Aye

GCDD – Aye by email

MDHR – Aye by text

8) Discussion Item

How has COVID-19 and the demands of our societal shift to address inequities and disparities, impacted your agency's work and the challenges you encounter in developing policy for the disability community?

Commissioner Ho (Minnesota Housing) kicked off the discussion on the previously agreed on six areas of focus of intersectional work. The Executive Committee met in July and reflected on

whether these areas were still the right priorities in a COVID world. The consensus was that these were still the priorities.

Commissioner Ho asked Shelley Madore (OIO) to talk about the next steps in pulling together workgroups. Ms. Madore reviewed the information on page 68 of the handout and answered questions about the process.

Questions/Comments:

- Kate Erickson (DOC) asked if the agency leads should attend the meetings or if it should be the subject matter expert. Shelley Madore responded that this will be one of the items to address in the first meeting, determining who should be on the workgroups.
- Kate Erickson (DOC) asked if there was going to be a repository of information or data collection during the community engagement phase or throughout the process. Shelley Madore responded that it was not yet clear what platform we would be using for the meetings but the desire is to record the sessions or have transcripts available to capture all the information.
- Commissioner Ho (Minnesota Housing) asked the Subcabinet to review the six areas of focus and consider what each agency can contribute.

9) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Next Subcabinet Meeting: November 23, 2020 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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