

Olmstead Executive Minutes

Minnesota Housing – State Street Conference Room

Thursday, July 8, 2015 - 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Action: N/A.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chair Mary Tingerthal (Minnesota Housing).

2. Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Action: N/A.

Committee Members present: Mary Tingerthal, Chair, Commissioner, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (Minnesota Housing); Lucinda Jesson, Commissioner, Department of Human Services (DHS); ; Jeremy Hanson-Willis, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

Guests present: Jennifer DeCubellis, Karen Sullivan-Hook, and Beth Sullivan, Department of Human Services; David Fenley, Minnesota State Council on Disability; Mike Tessneer, Naomi Rettke, Darlene Zangara, and Kristin Jorenby, Olmstead Implementation Office.

3. Welcome and Meeting Purpose

Action: N/A.

Commissioner Tingerthal welcomed the group and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the status of the consultation with the court and the plaintiff's attorney and consultants, discuss a timeline for moving forward, engage the subcabinet and/or executive committee members, and discuss staff assignments.

4. Review and Approval of Agenda

Action: N/A.

Item 5, Review and Approval of June 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes, was removed from the agenda because approval of Executive Committee minutes is not required.

5. Review and Approval of June 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Action: N/A.

This item was removed from the agenda.

6. Review Court Mediation Process

Chair Tingerthal reported that there had been mediation sessions with the court on July 6 and July 7. During the mediation, the court was provided a draft of the measurable goals section of the plan. Staff reviewed with the court the individual goals that were presented to the subcabinet at its July 2 meeting, discussed each goal and agreed to amendments. The conclusions lead to 11 topic areas with approximately 30 individual measurable goals. It was agreed that further discussion was needed for the Waiting List goals.

Chair Tingerthal reported that Judge Frank seemed pleased with the progress made between the parties and granted a 30-day extension for the final submission of the plan. It is anticipated that, through the mediation sessions, all parties will have agreed to key aspects of the plan prior to its submission to the court.

Executive members thanked the staff responsible for pulling the meetings together and commended them on the amount of work that has been completed.

Jeremy Hanson-Willis expressed concern that the scope of the plan was too broad and questioned where the line would be drawn for responsibility to solve injustices across the state. The committee agreed further discussion that included the advice of legal staff was needed about this concern.

Staff reported there were several breakthroughs throughout the mediation process, specifically around the use of restrictive procedures.

Areas for continued progress and discussion included: defining how increased integration will occur, data collection, internal and external communications (including those with the community and with counties), stakeholder engagement, and decreasing the waiting list at a reasonable pace.

Jeremy Hanson-Willis agreed to send Darlene Zangara employment demographics.

7. Discuss Timeline for Extended Plan Revision Deadline

Action: N/A.

The following timeline was shared and agreed to:

- July 13, 2015 (9:00 am), Compliance will send mediation comments to individual work teams for redrafting.
- July 13, 2015 (end of day), completed drafts will be sent from work teams to Roberta Opheim and Collen Wieck for review.
- July 15, 2015, drafting teams and Agency sponsors will meet to review and recommend final documents for submission.
- July 16, 2015, final document will be sent to the court.
- July 20, 2015, court mediation meeting.

8. Planning for Next Subcabinet Meeting

The Committee agreed to reschedule the August 10, 2015 subcabinet meeting to the week of August 3.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.