

Olmstead Executive Committee Meeting
August 7, 2015
10:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Action: N/A.

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. by Chair Mary Tingerthal.

II. Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Action: N/A.

Committee members present: Mary Tingerthal (Minnesota Housing) and Lucinda Jesson (DHS)

Committee members absent: Jeremy Hanson-Willis (DEED).

Subcabinet members present: Colleen Wieck, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities; Roberta Opheim, Ombudsman's Office.

Guests present: Beth Sullivan, DHS; Kristin Jorenby, OIO; Mike Tessneer, DHS; Darlene Zangara, OIO; Rosalie Vollmar, DHS; Naomi Rettke, OIO; Jennifer DeCubellis, DHS; Stela Armstrong, Pinnacle Services Inc.; Anna McLafferty, DOC; Elizabeth Dressel; Paradigm Reporting and Captioning.

III. Welcome and Meeting Purpose

Action: N/A.

Chair Tingerthal stated that the purpose of the meeting was to give an update on the status of conversations with the Court and to complete a walkthrough of the plan. The draft Plan includes substantives changes, improves conciseness, removes redundancies, and corrects formatting changes.

IV. Court Communications

Action: N/A.

Chair Tingerthal reported fairly substantive comments were received regarding the balance of the plan by the Judge and Clerk. Staff was asked to have the document read more easily removing redundancy and tightening up areas of disagreement.

Those changes have been made and the summary of goals has been reformatted to include annual goals (at the request of the court). Measurable goals under Crisis

Services and Positive Supports regarding Seclusion were regrouped and redrafted. The remaining item to be discussed with the court, DHS, and plaintiffs' counsel is regarding the Waiting List.

Judge Thorson asked staff to cross check goals and work plans and provide distinctions between monitoring versus verifying measurable goals. Staff are working to tweak the language to meet this request. The introduction of the plan will also be replaced with a letter that includes the overall vision and commitment of the Plan.

V. Approve Final Changes to the Plan

Action: N/A.

The Executive Committee proceeded with a page-by-page walkthrough of the Plan document. The following changes were requested:

- Insert a "contact us" page
- Make sure "Live, Learn, Work and Enjoy Life" is inserted throughout the document
- Page 4, draft a letter to the Subcabinet similar to a letter in the previous plan
- Page 5, correct all typos
- Page 6, add footnote referencing appendix and Olmstead citations
- Page 7, clarify composition of the Subcabinet and Executive committees
- Page 8, line demographics with email from Shamus; remove paragraphs referencing metro/non-metro; add a footnote regarding census data; address Department of Justice oversight
- Page 9, consolidate stakeholder and public comments
- Page 14, remove redundancies; define work plan
- Page 15 & 16, reorganize paragraphs; add language, "Intention is to reflect the overall vision of the ADA"; add personal stories
- Page 18, rename summary table, "Measurable Goals at a Glance"
- Page 24, add line, "under MN law, this prohibition and these goals speak to the exception"
- Page 33, remove June 30, 2018 date
- Page 49, correct all dates under implementation of Section 503
- Page 70, insert definitions for education and DHS emergency use; remove number of work plans
- Page 90, change "quarterly" reporting to "periodic" reporting and address reporting in greater detail in the cover letter.
- Page 122, add policy barriers, funding questions, and people with disabilities involvement in the Plan under "key activities"
- Overall, insert a divider page between each section

- Waiting List:

There were several changes requested under the Waiting List section of the document. Jennifer DeCubellis reported there is a need to prioritize work with people who have been on the waiting list the longest. Staff is discussing if the current due process and procedures can be changed under the categorizations to ensure it meets the applicant's needs. Dates provided from the Department of Justice are not realistic because data systems will not be available until December 2015.

Commissioner Jesson left the meeting at 11:39 a.m.; Assistant Commissioner Jennifer DeCubellis sat in as designee in her absence.

The Executive Committee discussed a formal amendment process for proposed amendments or changes that clarify measurable goals, expand benefits or improve quality of life, public comments, and a three-year strategic review.

The final Plan will be submitted with an appendix that includes a copy of each referenced document provided in the Plan. A draft will be provided by the end of the day today with all of the above requested changes. An additional Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2015, to review and approve the final Plan document before submission to the Court.

VI. Adjourn

The Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, August 10, 2015