

Minnesota Olmstead Planning Subcabinet – 11/03/14 Meeting Notes

Meeting Details

Date: November 3, 2014

Start/End Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Freeman Building, Rooms 144B and 145B, 625 Robert Street North, St Paul

Chair: Lieutenant Governor Yvonne Prettner Solon

Facilitator: Dr. Darlene Zangara, Executive Director Olmstead Implementation Office

Subcabinet members (or alternates) in attendance: Kevin Lindsey, Commissioner, Department of Human Rights (MDHR); Sue Mulvihill, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Transportation (DOT); Jeremy Hanson Willis, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); Steve Dibb, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Education (MDE); Mary Tingerthall, Commissioner, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA); Lucinda Jesson, Commissioner, Department of Human Services (DHS); Ed Ehlinger, Commissioner, Department of Health (MDH); Nanette Larson, Department of Corrections; Roberta Opheim, Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (*ex officio*);

Welcome, introductions, and approval of agenda

Lt Governor Yvonne Prettner Solon called the meeting to order. Subcabinet members introduced themselves. Commissioner Tingerthall made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Ehlinger. The agenda was approved.

Overview of September 18th Court order

The September 18, 2014 Court order declined to adopt the proposed Olmstead Plan at this time and asked that a revised Olmstead Plan be submitted to the Court Monitor by November 10, 2014. The Court emphasized a concern with the lack of measurable goals. Agency staff worked on each Plan action item requiring establishment of baselines and measurable goals. A worksheet was prepared for each measurable goal to provide context, background, and source information used to establish the goals. The measurable goals submitted are based on existing resources. The goals will be reviewed and modified once the 2015 budget is approved.

A second area of concern raised by the report is accurate reporting. The measurable goals being proposed will provide more accurate, complete, and verifiable reporting in the bimonthly reports. The report will continue to reflect the number of people who have moved from segregated to integrated settings and the number of people who are no longer on the waiting list and the quality of life measures.

Structure of Report for review

The packet that will be reviewed for approval includes three documents. They are Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2 and the proposed modifications to the Olmstead Plan. Exhibit 1 contains the new proposed measurable goals.

Exhibit 2 includes the plan for future measurable goals and the process that will be followed to establish them. The measurable goals established in Exhibit 1 are inserted into the proposed modifications to the Plan.

Review of Plan Revisions

Lt. Governor asked Dr. Zangara to take us lead the subcabinet through the documents. Before beginning the review the Lt Governor was asked for a motion to approve the plan for submission including any changes specified being made prior to the submission. Once discussion is finished there will be a call for the question on the motion. This will allow revisions to be made as the discussion is happening. Commissioner Lindsey made a motion and Commissioner Jesson seconded.

Dr. Zangara explained to the subcabinet the process used to make the revisions. That was followed by agency staff walking through each of the proposed measurable goals. For each of the ten action items that required measurable goals, agency staff provided information on baselines and data sources and answered questions from subcabinet members.

Throughout the discussion, the subcabinet had no specific edits to the measurable goals. The revisions specified during the discussion include clarifying language that the goals are cumulative. Additional clarifications were suggested to the background information and baselines for some of the items.

Lt. Governor asked the subcabinet if they were willing to support the motion with the recommended changes or if they would like to see it before it is submitted to the Monitor. The subcabinet agreed that they would like to see it after the changes are made. Unless someone sees an issue that needs to be raised, there would not need to be another meeting.

Lt. Governor asked for all those in favor of approving the document with the recommended amendments. The motion was unanimously approved. The amended document will be sent to subcabinet members before it is sent to the court monitor by November 10th.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next subcabinet meeting is December 15th at Department of Education in Roseville. The special meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.