

**MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL
ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Wednesday, August 1, 2018
12:15 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.
Continuing Education and Conference Center
University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus
1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ashley Bailey, Vice Chair
Alex Bartolic, Vice Chair
Michelle Albeck
Hanna Barr
Wendy Berghorst
Lisa Emmert
Pamela Hoopes
David R. Johnson
Eric Kloos
Mary Martin
Noah McCourt
Randy Miller
Jillian Nelson
Stacey Nelson
Kate Onyeneho
Carolyn Perron
Dan Reed
Reid Scheller
Lee Shervheim
Bonnie Jean Smith

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senator John Hoffman
Jim Lovold
Jacki Rightler
Heather Tidd
Alan Wilensky

GUESTS

MarketResponse International
Derek Pearson
Tom Pearson
Lynn Schreifels
Leanne Negley, Support Person for
Stacey Nelson
David Quilleash

STAFF PRESENT

Colleen Wieck
Mary Jo Nichols

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ashley Bailey, Council Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced him/herself.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bailey asked for approval of the Agenda.

MOTION: Perron moved, seconded by McCourt to approve to approve the Agenda. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 6, 2018

Bailey asked for approval of the Minutes as written for June 6, 2018.

MOTION: McCourt moved, seconded by Perron to approve the Minutes as written for June 6, 2018. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes.

NOTE: Agenda items were taken out of order to assure that members were present particularly for Grant Review Committee business that required several motions.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

In the absence of Senator Hoffman, Bailey handled the Recognition for Outgoing Council Member David Quilleash.

David Quilleash has completed his term of service with the Council but was invited to join us today so he could be duly recognized for his many contributions.

Bailey noted that Quilleash was always prepared. As a member and Chair of the Grant Review Committee, he guided discussions and demonstrated excellent leadership.

Bartolic presented Quilleash with a plaque in appreciation for his many years of service with the Council from August 2012 to July 2018. Some Council members then added their personal thoughts.

Reed said that it was a pleasure working with David for two terms, he's a "great person," and Reed learned so much from him. Reed offered additional thanks to David for all his support.

Smith noted that when David was there, she always felt comfortable that business would be handled professionally.

Jillian Nelson said she looked through all of her papers from the Partners in Policymaking® program (both are graduates) and found his name on the roster of her first class ten years ago. She commented on his impact and urged him to do more.

Quilleash said that we can work together in many ways and we'll continue to see him in the coming months.

COUNCIL PROGRAM

2018 Minnesota Racial & Ethnic Populations Survey of Attitudes and Outlook Regarding Healthcare Services and Costs

Bailey then introduced today's program, and Tom Pearson, Derek Pearson, and Lynn Schreifels, MarketResponse International, who presented the findings of this Health Care Survey.

Tom Pearson said that he would be highlighting the survey findings in two main parts – Satisfaction levels with current health care services and concerns, and beliefs and opinions about the healthcare system.

He first provided some background information. In 2004, MarketResponse International conducted a survey on Minnesota health care issues in cooperation with former United States Senator David Durenberger's Minnesota Citizens Forum on Healthcare Costs. The Council decided to repeat that survey with some updates in 2018.

Today's findings are from a supplemental survey that was conducted with Minnesota's racial and ethnic communities to assure that their voices and personal perspectives were heard. This is an oversampling of three groups.

The survey was administered as a paper questionnaire at community centers where people in these communities gather – the American Indian Community Center, Brian Coyle Community Center (African, East African, Hispanic communities), and at an event

in St. Louis Park that was attended by individuals from the Southeast Asian community. Many individuals did not speak English so interpreters and translators were present

The survey objectives were the same as with the general population survey but striving to capture the attitudes and values around health care and health care systems that may be different when compared with the overall results.

Tom Pearson noted some demographic differences where rates of employment, education, and income levels may have been contributing factors in the overall results –

- 40% of African American respondents were employed (lowest of all groups);
- The highest portion of college graduates was the Southeast Asian respondents (58%) as was their income level;
- Household income was lowest among East African respondents.

He also noted significant differences across all groups –

- The highest rates of uninsured are in the Hispanic and East African communities; respondents in these communities reported delaying medical care due to costs;
- American Indian and East African respondents were least likely to believe insurance premiums have increased but they also had a highest rates of enrollment in Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare;
- In the African American community, 47% of respondents believe they'll be better off regarding health care quality and affordability three years from now in contrast to respondents in the Hispanic and American Indian communities who believe they'll be worse off.

As with the general population survey, an attitudinal segmentation was also done with these communities, showing beliefs that are most closely aligned with either a free market system or one where government is actively involved. In terms of attitudes and values, Tom Pearson said there is nothing statistically significant that distinguishes one group from another group in this segmentation analysis.

Respondents from all communities –

- Gave Minnesota's health care system higher overall quality rating compared to the US health care system as a whole;
- Preferred a government operated system vs a private system;
- Believe that the federal government should continue to match state spending for Medicaid;

A majority of respondents from these communities -

- Believe that government is responsible for ensuring that all Americans have health care coverage;
- Believe that Congress should address health care reform on a gradual basis rather than a repeal and replace approach to the Affordable Care Act.

MarketResponse International was thanked for their presentation. Council members received a copy of the results of the 2018 Minnesota Racial & Ethnic Populations Survey.

VI. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Shervheim reported for the Committee.

A. Results of Review and Evaluation of Proposals Received in Response to the RFP: Strengthening Self Advocacy in Minnesota: Ambassadors for Respect/Anti-Bullying Program and Funding Recommendation

Shervheim said that two proposals were received in response to the Request for Proposal, Strengthening Self Advocacy in Minnesota: Ambassadors for Respect/Anti-Bullying Program. He noted there were merits for both proposals but the Committee ultimately decided to recommend that the proposal submitted by PeaceMaker Minnesota be funded.

Members were reminded about the Conflict of Interest Policy, and the Conflict of Interest form that should be signed if a member does not have a conflict with the organization being recommended for funding.

Shervheim asked for a motion to approve the proposal submitted by PeaceMaker Minnesota.

MOTION: McCourt moved, seconded by Jillian Nelson to approve the proposal submitted by PeaceMaker Minnesota for Strengthening Self Advocacy in Minnesota: Ambassadors for Respect/Anti-Bullying Program for \$20,000. Motion carried. There were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

B. Final Allocations for FFY 2019

Shervheim reported that the Committee made recommendations for final allocations for grant projects and activities for FFY 2019. Members were reminded that the Conflict of Interest applies here also.

Motions were then brought for each allocation recommendation so that abstentions could be recorded. A total of \$730,174 is available for grants and represents 71% of the Council's total allocation for FFY 2018 in the amount of \$1,028,144.

MOTION: On behalf of the Committee, Jillian Nelson moved, seconded by McCourt that **\$120,000** be allocated for **Self Advocacy**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

MOTION: On behalf of the Committee, McCourt moved, seconded by Miller that **\$210,000** be allocated for **Leadership Development (Partners in Policymaking®)**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes. Albeck, Bailey, Emmert, Martin, Jillian Nelson, Onyeneho, Reid, and Shervheim abstained.

MOTION: On behalf of the Committee, Jillian Nelson moved, seconded by McCourt that **\$50,000** be allocated for **Cultural Outreach**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes. Onyeneho abstained.

MOTION: On behalf of the Committee, Jillian Nelson moved, seconded by McCourt, that **\$80,000** be allocated for **Employment**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

MOTION: On behalf of the Committee, Jillian Nelson moved, seconded by McCourt, that **\$20,000** be allocated for **Training Conferences**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes. Reed abstained.

MOTION: On behalf of the Committee, Jillian Nelson moved seconded by McCourt, that **\$180,174** be allocated for **Publications, Websites, and Online Learning**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

MOTION: On behalf of the Committee, Jillian Nelson moved, seconded by McCourt, that **\$50,000** be allocated for **Customer Research**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions

MOTION: On behalf of the Committee, Jillian Nelson moved, seconded by McCourt, that **\$20,000** be allocated for **Quality Improvement**. Motion carried; there were no dissenting votes or abstentions.

Disability Rights Video

The Council Program was then continued with the "Disability Rights: Voting in Minnesota" video presentation. Many of the individuals interviewed are well known to the Council including Ashley Bailey and Noah McCourt.

Pamela Hoopes, Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC), introduced the video. She said this was created for people with disabilities, family members, and election judges. The video covers the voting registration process, shows examples of voting equipment with accessibility features that allow for completely independent voting, and the personal experiences of self advocates in exercising their right to vote.

The MDLC also conducts polling place surveys and those surveys continue to identify accessibility issues and other barriers that make it difficult or prevent people with disabilities from freely participating in the voting process.

Hoopes stated that Secretary of State Steve Simon is a strong supporter of voting rights for people with disabilities. Throughout the video, he speaks about the many accommodations that are available to assure that people with disabilities can vote; and the ongoing efforts being made in Minnesota to make the voting process easier for everyone.

The YouTube video can be accessed at the MDLC website at <http://mylegalaid.org/about/our-work/disability-law> with links to an audio description version, a version with subtitles, and a transcript. The Council has also posted the video.

VII. PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Kloos reported for the Committee.

Health care disparity issues were discussed by a panel of representatives from the Olmstead Implementation Office and three state agencies – Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind & Hard of Hearing Minnesotans, Department of Health, and the Ombudsman Office for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. A bibliography was prepared by Council staff and shared with Committee members.

A study of non-medical waiver transportation issues is being conducted. Committee members offered their input during the meeting and additional feedback was requested. The study is looking at ways to increase transit and transportation services for individuals receiving waiver services and making improvements to transportation services for waiver recipients. Reimbursement rates are also included in this study. A handout that included a link to a Feedback Form was sent to Council members following the meeting and additional comments were encouraged.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Colleen Wieck provided the following updates and highlights from monthly reports:

1. The October Council meeting will feature our grant recipients. Each will be presenting an overview of their grant project along with a self advocate who has benefitted
2. Council appointments have been completed –

New appointments include Wendy Berghorst (Department of Health representative), Stacey Nelson (self advocate), and Bonnie Jean Smith (parent);

Reappointments include Senator John Hoffman, who will also continue to serve as Council Chair until January 2019; Kate Onyeneho (private nonprofit representative), and Jacki Rightler (Department of Employment and Economic Development representative);

3. Regarding the 2017 Program Performance Report: There is still no action and no time table for submitting. Discussions continue at the federal level regarding changes to the current three year encumbrance and liquidation time period for our annual federal allocation;
4. A presentation was made to the Minnesota Humanities Center on June 8, 2018 regarding the Legacy Project and an onsite audit was held on July 17, 2018. A final report has already been submitted and close out of the grant has been completed;
5. Regarding Olmstead:

Olmstead graphs have been completed and the Olmstead Chronology has been posted on the Council website as a feature;

The next Olmstead quarterly report is due August 31, 2018;
6. Regarding the Jensen Settlement Agreement:

The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments regarding the District Court's continuing jurisdiction; jurisdiction was upheld;

A status conference was held on July 12, 2018. The next Jensen Semi-Annual Report will be submitted by August 31, 2018;
7. Work continues with the Department of Health on the Bill of Rights project for Supervised Living Facilities;
8. Joe Shapiro, Nation Public Radio (NPR), was here for the last weekend session of Partners Class 35. He interviewed several participants about their Partners experience and the benefits they have received. A Partners story was broadcast on NPR on June 29, 2018; more than 7,300 likes and 2,300 shares were reported on the NPR Facebook page;

9. Partners Class 36 has been selected; the first weekend session is September 21 - 22, 2018;
10. Kentucky and Maryland have expressed an interest in starting a Partners program.

IX ADJOURNMENT

Bailey asked that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Wieck
Executive Director