METRO REGIONAL QUALITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 13, 2023
9:00 am – 11:00 am

The Regional Quality Councils shall:

1. Support efforts and initiatives that drive overall systems and social change to promote inclusion of people who have disabilities in the state of Minnesota
2. Improve person-centered outcomes in disability services; and
3. Identify or enhance quality of life indicators for people who have disabilities.

(Please Note: As the associate, Jeffrey has requested that if you do not understand him please ask that he types out his statement or reply for understanding…do not pretend).

Meeting Attendance

Members: Bradford, Diane, Mohamed, Melissa, Frank, Judi Marie, Chelsea, Rachel, Rod, Lindsey Jo, Cassandra and Robin

Invited Guests & New Attendee(s): Ryan Anderson (Unified Work), Scott Schifsky (Life Sharing) and Olivia Lape (Arc MN)

RQC Staff: Kerri, JoAnn, Jeffrey, caption services, Zoey and Marta Milliken

Members Attended: Diane, Mohamed, Chelsea, Rod, Cassandra and Robin

Members Not Attended: Melissa, Frank. Judi Marie, Lindsey Jo, Bradford and Rachel

1) **Introductions & Agenda Overview (20-25 min) @9:05am**
Members, Arc staff, Guest & New Attendees
We did self-introductions of current members, Arc MN staff, temporary guest attendees and new attendees.

2) **Join Breakout Room Workgroups (60 min) @9:30am**
Engaged in breakout room activities, one for housing and one for employment.

Members	Workgroups

Diane	culture of safety, housing, staffing shortage
Chelsea	Housing
Rod	staffing shortage
Cassandra	Housing
Melissa	Employment
Frank	Housing
Mohamed	culture of safety, employment, staffing shortage
Judi Marie	culture of safety, employment, staffing shortage
Robin	Culture of safety, employment

Workgroups

- **Employment Workgroup:**
  - Upcoming free online event.
    "Disability History and the Future of Inclusive Employment"
    This event will be on Wednesday, January 25th from 12-1pm.
    Click on link below to register.
    https://mc-meet.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PjCjB9vqSZyaER4txq6vRg

- **Housing Workgroup:**

- **Culture of Safety Workgroup:**
  This workgroup meets separately.
  For more information, click on link below.
  https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/long-term-services-and-supports/culture-of-safety/
  The first meeting will be on Thursday, February 2, 2023 from 9-11am. This workgroup would like more members. Please notify an RQC staff if you are interested in joining.
  Down below is the link for the zoom meeting on February 2, 2023.
  Join Zoom Meeting
  https://arcminnesota.zoom.us/j/81121977247?pwd=SDBmVW1RQWFlVHBHKy96a1JESElEUT09
  Meeting ID: 811 2197 7247
  Passcode: 678410

- **Staffing (DSPs & PCAs) Shortage workgroup:**

- This workgroup meets separately.
  Meeting will be on Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 10-11:30am.
  Down below is the zoom link for the meeting.
  Join Zoom Meeting
  https://arcminnesota.zoom.us/j/87218574010?pwd=cnh0eFNMOGJwWFoxU3gvMlhvMVc2dz09
  Meeting ID: 872 1857 4010
  Passcode: 217660
- Upcoming free online event.
  "Community Input Event"
  Event will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 from 1:30-2:30pm.
  Allows people from the community to voice their opinions about the workforce shortage.
  Down below is the link to register for the event.
  https://eventactions.com/eareg.aspx?ea=Rsvp&invite=gbz0fcj41xtw0skp6gsekbw0s2e15u1xrs019619u4wwaddhn6dx

3) **Group discussion (25 min) @10:30am**
   Discussed what each workgroup worked on with the rest of the members.
   - **Employment Workgroup**
     Please refer to the Employment Workgroup meeting minutes to find out more about who is this workgroup and what they do.
   - **Housing Workgroup**
     Please refer to the Housing Workgroup meeting minutes to find out more about who is in this workgroup and what they do.

4) **Other Things to Share & Reminders (5 min) @10:55am**
   - Next council meeting is Friday, February 10, 2023 from 9-11am.
   - Actively seeking new council members:
     If anyone has someone to recommend to serve as a potential member for the council, please email Arc staff, JoAnn. Or if anyone has suggestions on how or where to seek potential members, feel free to share your ideas.
   - Continue to look for resources and updates relating to projects and share them with others.