METRO REGIONAL QUALITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

Friday, February 9th, 2024

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.

Meeting Attendance

Attendees: Rod, Chelsea, Christopher, Mohamed, Judi Marie

Staff Attendees: JoAnn, Kerri, Sophie, Caption,

Meeting Overview

1. Introductions and Updates (90 min) @ 9:05am

- Introductions (Everyone)
- Staffing Shortage Workgroup Update (Kerri and Sophie)

  One big goal of the workgroup is to educate legislators about the different aspects of disability and how they impact people. When making decisions on disability related bills, the workgroup hope legislators have a better understanding of the bills and their significance in people's lives. The workgroup addressed 3 main topics related to their goal. One is related to DWRS rate and the way providers get paid. Another is related to CVCS and its impacts. The RQC staff are planning to meet to talk more about projects that can help them achieve their goals. They know it is a bonding year this year which means there probably won't be any money to make any changes. They can use this time to educate legislatures. Perhaps the information legislators gain this year will influence the decisions they make next year when there is money to do stuff. Cassie did a great job explaining the 3 topics in more detail to us.
- Hybrid Meeting:

  We have received our new 360 camera to conduct hybrid meetings. We might want to get a consensus of what time during the day work well for most people. Also, we might want to conduct quarterly hybrid meetings instead of back to back monthly hybrid meetings. One suggestion is to schedule a meeting for May 10 and another one for September 13. We would continue the pattern of conducting hybrid meetings every 3 or 4 months which means the month of January would follow next. JoAnn will check The Arc office schedule to see if May and Sept are open.

- Housing Workgroup Updates (JoAnn and Sophie)

  Housing videos: A preview of the videos were shown during the meeting. The videos are not completely done yet. They need another round of editing to be approved. Once approved by

The Arc and DHS, we can create a distribution plan. The idea is that we would post the videos on the MRQC housing workgroup website and also on any RQC social media sites. Then email everyone a link to the videos. We would create a system to track the communication distribution process of who received which videos and where the videos are posted. Everyone can help distribute them by sharing the video links with their friends, colleagues, etc. Overall, the council seemed to like the videos. They liked the variety of people and voices being represented and the QR code at the end. They liked how they were edited and how they had a smooth look. They also liked how usable they were with each video offering something different. One suggestion was to add closed captioning to each video.

Housing website: The Housing Resources website is complete and has gone live. The website is attached to the QR code that is presented at the end of each video. A demonstration of the website was given during the meeting with all its new features. A link to the website is down below. Everyone can help spread the word about the website and share the link to all their friends, colleagues, etc. Please feel free to email MRQC staff any resources you want added to the website. Even though it's live, it can always be improved and added onto. The council had some suggestions for the website. One was to add a picture of people who shared their "housing journey" story. Another was to ensure all the links continue working.

Here is the link to the website: https://www.qualitycouncilmn.org/resources/housing-resources/

2. **10 Minute Break @9:50am**
3. **Workgroups (60 min) @10am**

- Employment Workgroup

  This workgroup meets directly after the council meeting.

- Culture of Safety/Data Action Group (DAG) Workgroup

  This workgroup meets separately outside of monthly council meetings. They meet the first Thursday of each month from 9-11am.
  The next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 7th, 2024 from 9am-11am.**
  Join Zoom Meeting
  https://arcminnesota.zoom.us/j/81121977247?pwd=SDBmVW1RQWFlVHBHKy96a1JESElEUT09
  Meeting ID: 811 2197 7247
  Passcode: 678410

  This workgroup would like more providers to join. Please notify staff if you are a provider or know a provider who would be interested in joining.

- Staffing (DSPs & PCAs) Shortage Workgroup (Kerri)
  This workgroup meets separately outside of monthly council meetings. They meet the third Thursday of each month from 11am-12:30pm.
  The next meeting will be on **Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 from 11am-12:30pm**.
  Join Zoom Meeting
  https://arcminnesota.zoom.us/j/87154192462?pwd=aDE2YnBUcVR1S2dvc0NzOUpFCt5dz09
  Meeting ID: 871 5419 2462
  Passcode: 266371

Other Things to Share & Reminders

- Next council meeting is on **Friday, March 8th, 2024 from 9-11am.**
- Disability Advocacy Day is on Wednesday, March 27th at the Capital
- Disability Services Day is on Wednesday, March 20th at the Capital