METRO REGIONAL QUALITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

Friday, March 08, 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: Cassie, Christopher, Mohamed, Chelsea, Judi Marie, Lynn, Rod

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)

  The workgroup are working on 1 pagers containing information collected at the Gathering, and The Arc FINDS report. They want the 1 pagers ready in time for people to use during the legislative session. People can use these 1 pagers when meeting legislators as a way of explaining the workforce shortage's causes in greater detail. It will also provide something tangible for legislators to keep.

  JoAnn will email copies of the 1pagers to attendees. Attendees can give feedback on the 1 pagers and we will take them into consideration. Please email feedback by March 15th. The link sends viewers to full FINDS report.

  Here is a link to the FINDS report: https://ici-s.umn.edu/files/_jJypfjmH4/finds_survey_2018

  The workgroup discussed using the results of an old MRQC survey that was completed a couple years ago. The survey asks how people direct their own services. The workgroup wants to use the survey results and turn them into 1 pagers. They are finalizing the drafts at the moment. When completed, they will share them with everyone for reviewing.

- Hybrid Meeting:

  The May 10th 2024 council meeting will be a hybrid meeting. It will be from 9-11am and conducted both virtually via zoom and in person. There will be a fancy mew camera that turns its lens towards the person talking.

  In Person Option:

  The Arc MN's Saint Paul headquarters in the Cliff Poetz Conference Room North and South 641 Fairview Avenue North Suite 195, Saint Paul, MN 55104

Travel:

The parking lot is right next to the office building and accessible parking is available. Stipends can be submitted for travel expenses to and from the meeting for those who receive stipends. Staff members can also be reimbursed for travel expenses. Make sure to submit your travel receipts to JoAnn ASAP.

Virtual Option:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://arcminnesota.zoom.us/j/82256566994?pwd=1BKmGsQEGNmxDTnJqmpn8OpGEZWjiX.1

Meeting ID: 822 5656 6994
Passcode: 202778

- Housing Workgroup Updates (JoAnn and Sophie)

  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 current plan is to 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. It was suggested to create a system to track the communication distribution process of who received which videos and where the videos are posted.

  Housing website: The Housing Resources website is complete and has gone live. The website is attached to the QR code that is included in each video. A questions and answers section will be added.

  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, April 4th, 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 fourth Thursday of each month from 11am-12:30pm.
     The next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 28th, 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, April 12th, 2024 from 9-11am.**
- Disability Services Day is on Tuesday, **March 19th at the Capital**
- Disability Advocacy Day is on Wednesday**, March 27th at the Capital**
  - **The committee deadline is March 22nd** and anything presented afterwards is likely not wanted to be heard by legislators from their constituents.
- May 10th, 2024 council meeting is hybrid with both zoom and in person option