METRO REGIONAL QUALITY COUNCIL Meeting Agenda
Friday, March 14th, 2025 from 9-11am

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: Mohamed, Robin, Rod, Annelise, Amelia S, Cassie, Judi Marie, Lynn, Frank, Yue Wu, Diane Fritz,

TCAP Guest Speakers: Mark S, Kathy S, Mike G, Alan H, Scott O, Clare R, Barbara, Laurie E, Robin B,

Staff Attendees: JoAnn, Sophie, Caption, Kerri

Meeting Overview

1. **Introductions**
2. **Workgroups Updates**
   - **Culture of Safety Workgroup**

     This workgroup meets separately outside of monthly council meetings. They meet the second Thursday of each month from 1-3pm.

     Their next meeting is **Thursday, April 10th from 1-3pm.**

     If interested in attending, email the MRQC staff.
   - **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 is **Thursday, March 27th from 11am-12:30pm.**
     Join Zoom Meeting
     https://arcminnesota.zoom.us/j/87154192462?pwd=aDE2YnBUcVR1S2dvc0NzOUpFWCt5dz09
     Meeting ID: 871 5419 2462
     Passcode: 266371
3. **Other Things to Share & Reminders**
4. **Break Time**

Employment Workgroup

- **Create Action Alert- support ERAF continuation:**

Added to the Employment Workgroup page. The Employment Reimbursement Accommodation Fund pilot program is ending in July 2025. If we want to see it continue, we can take action to show support for its continuation.

- **Reverse Job Fair Event:**

When: Happening on Thursday, May 8th
Where: Anoka County Human Services in Blaine MN
What time: from 10:30am-11:30am
We are asked to help out with this event. It is a collaboration with Opportunity Services.

Transportation Workgroup

TCAP (Transit Coordination Assistance Project) is federally funded and gives funds to counties to help residents access and use existing transportation so transportation becomes less of a barrier especially for those who are elderly, low income and people with disabilities.

The TCAP Presentation:
TCAP coordinators from around the Metro Area presented information about TCAP and how it helps provide transportation in their specific region/county. To find out more, watch video clips of the presenters. The video clips along with presenter PowerPoints will be made available on the Employment Resources website within the Transportation category.
The following is the list of presenters who attended.

- Clare Riley- Planning Analyst for Hennepin County Public Works
- Alan Hermann- Mobility Provider for Scott and Hennepin County
- Barbara Bursack- Mobility Manager for Washington County
- Robin Bernardi- Transportation Coordinator for Dakota County
- Mark Schermerhorn- Lead Transit Program Specialist for Anoka County
- Scott Olson- works for NewTrax for Ramsey County TCAP
- Mike Greenbaum- works for NewTrax along with Scott
- Kathy Schultz- Mobility Manager with MNDOT, overseas RTCCs for the state

The MRQC is hoping to collaborate with TCAP coordinators on future projects.

Transportation Project Ideas:

- Created an Action Alert: Showing support for the continuation of the Free Fare Pilot program. Check out the Transportation Workgroup page to find tools that can help you in your effort to show support.