METRO REGIONAL QUALITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 14th, 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: **Jodi, Frank, Rod, Robin, Judi Marie, Mohamed,**

Guest Attendees: **Laura (Inclusive Networking), Lynn, Virginia, Kim, Darrell,**

Staff Attendance: Kerri, JoAnn, Donna, Kristin (caption), Jeffrey

Meeting Overview

1) Introductions and Workgroup Updates (20-25 min) @9:05am (everyone)

- Introductions (everyone):
  Lynn is a new and has been accepted as a new council member. She has worked as a guardian and has experience working in group homes, day programs and at The Arc.
- Council Updates (JoAnn):
  The housing workgroup needs a large portion of council funds to do their housing video project. This would impact the employment workgroup and the amount of money they would have for their project. After learning more about the housing video project, the employment workgroup was okay with granting the housing workgroup the funds they need which is about $9k to do their video project.
- Staffing Shortage update (Kerri):
  The Arc MN and Arc Northland have been working together on this issue. They looked at the legislative process and learned which bills would impact the staffing shortage in a

positive way. They wrote a letter to support these bills and even handed it to legislators. In June, they are thinking about doing a podcast and partnering with other organizations who is already doing this kind of thing. Before they move forward with the idea, they need to decide on a purpose statement.

2) **Join Workgroups (80 min) @9:40am**

Workgroups:

- **Employment Workgroup (JoAnn)**
  - Please read the meeting minutes for the workgroup to find out more.
- **Housing Workgroup (JoAnn)**
  - This workgroup meets separately. They have formed 3 mini subgroups that meet outside of council meetings. Please contact JoAnn if you are curious to know more about this workgroup and their project.
- **Culture of Safety/Data Action Group (DAG) 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 next meeting will be on **Thursday, August 3rd, 2023 from 9-11am**.
    Join Zoom Meeting
    https://arcminnesota.zoom.us/j/81121977247?pwd=SDBmVW1RQWFlVHBHKy96a1JESElEUT09
    Meeting ID: 811 2197 7247
    Passcode: 678410
  - This workgroup would like more members. Please notify an RQC staff if you are interested in joining.
- **Staffing (DSPs & PCAs) Shortage Workgroup (Kerri):**
  - This workgroup meets separately.
  - The next meeting will be on **Thursday, July 27, 2023 from 11am-12:30pm**
  - Join Zoom Meeting
    https://arcminnesota.zoom.us/j/87518367786?pwd=bTg5S0NBb1cwMkM2clJLalNoK2dGZz09
    Meeting ID: 875 1836 7786
    Passcode: 115620

3) **Other Things to Share & Reminders**

- Next council meeting is on **Friday, August 11th, 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.

- Anything else???