METRO REGIONAL QUALITY COUNCIL Minutes

Friday, August 11, 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

Attendees: **Mohamed, Jodi, Lynn, Diane, Johnathan, Laura, Janeen, Danielle, Chelsea, Amanda, Frank, Darrell, Judi Marie, Scott, Janeen, Robin, Bridget**

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

Meeting Overview

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

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

Workgroups:

- **Employment Workgroup (Jeffrey, JoAnn, Donna)**
  - VRS staff Janeen and Amanda attended today to answer many questions from the Employment Workgroup participants. Please see Employment Workgroup Meeting Minutes for more detail.
- **Housing Workgroup (JoAnn)**
  - This workgroup meets separately. They have formed 3 mini subgroups that meet outside of council meetings. Each subgroup is addressing a particular housing topic and will make short educational videos pertaining to the topic.
    The 3 topics so far are:
    1. parent advocates and housing
    2. accessible housing
    3. advocates and housing

Please contact JoAnn if you are curious to know more about this workgroup and their video 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, September 7th, 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, August 24th, 2023 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

- Next council meeting is on **Friday, September 8th, 2023 from 9-11am.**