METRO REGIONAL QUALITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 09, 2022
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: Bradford, Diane, Mohamed, Melissa, Frank, Judi Marie, Kyle, Chelsea, Rachel. Rod and Lindsey Jo

Guests & New Attendee(s): Taylor Guccione (Arc staff), Robin Rohr (Hennepin County) and Cassandra Tulp (state rep)

Arc Staff: Kerri, JoAnn, Jeffrey, caption services, and Donna,

Members Attended: Mohamed, Frank, Judi Marie and Chelsea

Members Not Attended: Rachel, Bradley, Melissa, Rod, Diane and Lindey Jo

1) **Agenda Overview & Introductions (20-25 min) @9:05am- Members and Arc staff**
Introductions of current members, Arc staff, temporary guest attendees and new attendees.

2) **Join your breakout room workgroups (60 min) @9:30am**
There will be 2 breakout rooms, one for housing and one for employment.
Please designate workgroup duties (recorder, reader, presenter of materials, etc.).

Members	**Workgroups**
Diane	culture of safety, Housing, staffing shortage
Chelsea	Housing
Rod	staffing shortage
Cassandra	Housing
Melissa	employment

Frank	Housing
Mohamed	culture of safety, employment, staffing shortage
Judi Marie	culture of safety, employment, staffing shortage
Bradford	
Lindsey Jo	
Rachel	
Robin	Employment

Workgroups so far

- **Employment Workgroup Attendance**: Judi Marie, Mohamed, Jeffrey (staff), Kerri (staff), Taylor (staff), Donna (staff) and Robin

- **Housing Workgroup Attendance**: Chelsea, Frank, Cassie and JoAnn (staff)

- **Staffing (DSPs & PCAs) Shortage workgroup:**
  This group meets separately. Arc staff will alert members to when the next meeting is. Watch your email inbox for next meeting invitation.

3) **Group discussion (25 min) @10:30am**

Share what was discussed in each workgroup with the rest of the members.

- **Employment Workgroup**
  To find out more please read: The MRQC employment workgroup meeting minutes.
  Summary:
  Taylor reviewed materials with the members focusing on the Employment Project Action Plan. The members need to make some decisions such as:
  1. Focusing on either employers or job seekers.
  2. Which employers or self-advocacy organizations to contact.
  3. Ask employers, “how is your marketing $ spent to find desirable candidates?”
  4. Ask job seekers and employed pwds, “what resources did you use or do you need to obtain a well suited job?”
  5. Creating job seeking resources (soft skills, resumes, interviews, job coaches, etc…).
  6. Collaboration with others to create and share resources and trainings for the Arc Job Board and others interested.
- **Housing Workgroup**
  To find out more please read: The MRQC housing workgroup meeting minutes
  Summary:
  Reviewed housing meeting minutes from November. The members decided to create a one page informational flyer that could be given to policy makers and

others detailing facts, statistics and examples of what pwds face when it comes to housing such as:

1. Discrimination (blamed for increase in neighborhood crime uptake).
2. Lack of housing options.
3. Income caps too low to afford life basics.
4. GRH funding issues.
5. Discrimination against housing benefit recipients.
6. Very long waitlists for housing.
7. Comparing cost effectiveness of large residential and hospital settings vs independent apartment settings.
8. Offering alternative and possible solutions to increase independence and person centered intentions.

4) Other Things to Share & Reminders (5 min) @10:55am

- Next council meeting is Friday, January 13, 2023 from 9-11am.
- New attendees that didn't attend the December meeting might attend the January meeting.
- 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.
- Continue to look for resources and updates relating to projects and share them with others.