METRO REGIONAL QUALITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, February 11, 2022
9 am – 11am
Zoom: https://arcminnesota.zoom.us/j/82428190912?pwd=NFlXK29qVkVscmRGeEJsdGM1aXd5UT09

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.***

****This is the overall charge of the RQC's as stated in MN State Statute 256B.097***

1) **Introductions (10 Min)**
   a) **What is everyones favorite Winter Olympic game?**
   Attendance: Chelsea, Rod, Mohamed, Jeffrey, Kyle, Tim, Frank, Judi Marie, Erin,
   Unable to Attend: Diane, Katie, Bradford, Rachel
   The Arc MN Staff: Buff, Kerri, Dario
   - **Favorite Winter Olympic sports include: figure skating, bobsled, snowboarding, hockey, speed skating, skiing, biathlon, curling**

2) **Minutes from January Meeting (5 Min)**
   a) **Questions? – No Questions**

3) **RQC Coordinator Job Position has been approved. Please share with your networks and direct prospects or interested candidates to Kerri at kerrileucuta@arcminnesota.org or 507-513-7615**
   - **Kerri will email this to group as soon as it is posted, to share with networks**
   - **We are looking to employ more people with disabilities, and more people from culturally diverse backgrounds. So as you are thinking of potential candidates, please keep those things in mind. We really want to put a stronger focus on having people with disabilities and lived experience guiding our work.**

4) **Does this meeting time still work for people? (10 Min)**
   - **Consensus is that the second Friday of each month from 9am to 11am does still work for the group.**

5) **Membership (10 minutes)**
   a) **Who are we missing at the table?**
      i) **People who have disabilities**
      ii) **Family Members of people who have disabilities**
      iii) **Disability Service Providers**
      iv) **Disability Advocacy Groups**

v) Lead agency staff
vi) Staff of state agencies with jurisdiction over special educationand disability services

b) Membership must be representative of the communities in which they operate, with an emphasis on people with lived experience from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds
   - When determining It would be helpful to know when term are expiring of current members
     - Is there a document that outlines people's terms?
       - Kerri has been unable to find a document regarding people's terms so far.
       - Can everyone think about when they started with the MRQC and bring that timeframe to the next meeting? (just approximate month and year will work) and Kerri will include on the membership spreadsheet for the MRQC and we can discuss terms.

6) Brainstorming Session on 2022/2023 Priorities (15 minutes)
   a) Keep 2020 priorities (Employment and Staffing) and continue with next steps?
      - Need people/staff before determining if people are being supported the way they want to be supported.
      - People with disabilities have taken a step back regarding employment and staffing, due to Covid; People had hoped they would be back to work by now, but this hasn't happened yet.
      - We need to think creatively. There is no one key solution to hiring/staffing. We need to look at macro solutions to impact the bigger system.
      - Covid is a symptom of the staffing crisis, but staffing has been a problem for a long time
      - DSP's are not valued
      - How can we use the material that have already been developed around employment, to make an impact?
        - Package as a toolkit and share with agencies/businesses
      - Workforce/staffing is a broad topic…what is our role in quality improvement with this? Narrow this down.
   b) Covid? (topic introduced at January meeting)
   c) Other relevant priorities
      - We should look at alternative priorities
      - We want to make sure we aren't just picking and choosing…we should make informed decisions based on data
      - We need to build partnerships and hear from state representation
        - Can someone from the state to come talk to the RQC's about what is already happening around the state (i.e. employment; staffing; other priorities?)
      - We need to collaborate and not duplicate
      - How can we influence transportation barriers?

7) Culture of Safety Data Action Group will be regrouping soon!
8) Need 2 volunteers from MRQC and Region 10 RQC to consolidate existing Charter/Guidelines into one document.
   - Frank Volunteered…thank you Frank!
   - Tim and Erin shared what they thought to be the most up to date MRQC charter from 7/10/2020…thank you!