METRO REGIONAL QUALITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 10th, 2026, from 9-10am

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, Adam, Benjamin, Christina, Alma, Judi Marie

Staff Attendees: JoAnn, Kerri, Cortney

Meeting Overview

1.Introductions

2. Workgroups Updates

- **Culture of Safety Workgroup**

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

The next meeting is Thursday, August 13th from 1-3pm.

- **Staffing Shortage Workgroup (Big Group)**

This workgroup meets separately outside of monthly council meetings. They meet on the fourth Thursday of each month from 11am-12:30pm.

The next meeting is Thursday, July 23rrf from 11am-12:30pm.

They post videos on the RQC YouTube channel. To watch the videos, visit https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzjP45LzMKwiF0MRNzzjoMW3LWWuvv78P

- **Lynn: Self-Direction Conference in October**

Self-Direction Conference in Saint Cloud on October 21st and 22nd. To learn more, visit https://www.harrymeyeringcenter.org/home/selfdirection/

3. Upcoming Events

- **The Arc MN Disability Pride Festival**
  When: August 9th from 10am-1pm
  Where: Arc's Value Village Richfield location
  https://arcminnesota.org/disability-pride-festival/
- West Central RQC Disability Pride Festival
  When: July 28th
  Where: Moorhead

Minnesota is one of the states with the most disability pride events. There was just an event yesterday in Rochester and about 200 people attended. There were activities people could participate in like accessible biking and track chairs.

Purchase The Arc MN and Disability pride Merch. Access the link to The Arc MN Merch .

Employment Workgroup

Interviewing Employment Services Providers

The MRQC are in the process of reaching out to employment services providers so we can interview them. If interested in attending or want to help ask interview questions, please contact MRQC staff.

People included in the Interview process: Benjamin, Judi Marie, Marta, Kerri, Cortney (in a pinch)

Reviewing Interviews: This is where we review each interview script and pick out key points and create action items based on them.

People involved in this group are :Alma, Tara and Benjamin

Transportation Workgroup

1. **Minneapolis Snow Removal Program**

   Attending city of Minneapolis Climate and Infrastructure Committee on August 20th at City Hall.

2. **Transportation Survey Project**

Goal- gather information about people with disabilities and their transportation needs and experiences

- Created an online survey questionnaire, deadline for response submissions open till December 31st 2026.

  Eventually need people who can do analysis on the data once we are done collecting data

- Coordinate focus groups to foster conversations

Results: 101 responses so far

- Reach out to:
  - Local school districts
  - Disability advocacy groups
  - **Please share the survey with your networks. Access the Transportation Survey – Fill out form**

What can we do while our projects take a pause?

- **Build relationships with other disability organizations**

  The Disability Advisory Committee- they advise on many issues relating to pwds like public works, parks, employment, sidewalks, construction projects, and compliance with ADA. We should try to collaborate with them because they work on similar projects to ours.

- **Getting involved in MCOTA and attending their meetings**

  MCOTA Home - MCOTA

  Quarterly meetings where state agencies (DHS, MNDOT, etc.) that have transportation as part of their responsibilities get together.

  Contact **Mark Zoller,** *Accessibility Coordinator,* Department of Human Rights & Equal Economic Opportunity (HREEO)

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