West Central Regional Quality Council
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Notes: June 18th 2024, 1:30 pm-Virtual Only

The Regional Quality Council will:

1. Support efforts and initiatives that drive overall systems and social change to promote inclusion of people who have disabilities in Minnesota
2. Improve person-centered outcomes in disability services
3. Identify or enhance quality of life for people who have disabilities

West Central Regional Quality Council Agenda

Virtual meeting-due to me traveling this day we will have a virtual only option.

Present: Shannon, Hollie, Chad, Jason, Phyllis, Jen, Jessica, Sherri, Melanie

Staff: Katie and Kerri

1) **Welcome/Introductions.** (5 minutes)
    a) **Favorite summer food**
2) **Council of Safety Data Action Group (DAG)** (5 minutes)

a) Great discussion on background studies and possible reasons they take longer in some cases.
- Some are denied and then you need to ask for a variance often times employees just decide to do something else.
- Sometimes it's something that had happened long in their past-like bouncing a check when they first got a check book or a mistake they made in college.

b) Great discussion on agencies placing people with disabilities in the right fitting home. Also, that we need to start looking more at technology to assist in independence.

c) Have 2 more points to go over before we really look at recommendations.

d) Let me know if you'd like to be on culture of safety. Meet 2nd Monday of the month 1-3.

3) **Staffing (added after agenda sent)**

a) West Central Regional Quality Council Associate

- 15 hrs-mostly remote but there is some travel
- I'd prefer the person live in our region-but not necessarily Moorhead.
- Taking note meetings, helping set the agenda and helping carry out projects.
- Would love someone with regional contacts
- **https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=077d065b-294d-423d-be18-b3ed3cbec81c&ccId=19000101_000001&jobId=509268&lang=en_US**

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4) **Regional Capacity Building (10 min)**

   a) https://www.childhelppartnership.org/about/national-child-help-partnership/
      - Trauma trained workforce
      - Connecting schools multi-agency approach to helping students with trauma
      - Grant offering free training in trauma therapy-but agency must connect with a school
         (1) Grant will be on the above link when it's open to apply for

5) **Council membership** (5 minutes)

   a) Always recruiting and of course if anyone ever has agenda items let me know

6) **Workgroups -** Full council brainstorm

   a) Employment (35 minutes)

      - Reverse Job fair-take a step back and try to build towards that. Building a better relationship w the schools-maybe looking at something smaller
         (1) Employment sessions for schools possibly through CTIC?
            (a) **CTIC group just was notified that the group will no longer meet

      - Employment themes in Community Conversation
         (1) Need more variety of options for jobs-people that are getting different jobs than the fast food/cleaning, it's usually parents paving the way for them.
         (2) Maybe business education-businesses feel like hiring someone w disabilities is a lot of work on their end.
         (3) Lack of staff and the young adults that would possibly need assistance in the bathroom there is not an agency that will do job coaching and PCA
            (a) Sounds like this might be an agency choice. What about a parent co-op for job coaches…would this be possible?

   b **Transition to Adulthood** (35 minutes)
      - Technology session recap
         - Alaina Gallegar ARRM, Jennie Wollen with MSUM RATC and Shannon Bozovsky ND Assistive
         - 20 attended-some in person and some virtual. Most feedback from virtual was on technical things-where to place the camera so they can see better. Those in person really seemed to enjoy seeing the technology first hand

and many talked about going to ND Assistive where they have an apartment setup and you can see where technology is used.
    - Could we do an open house or some sort of event at ND Assistive?

- Vocational Rehab in Clay Co now has a transition liaison due to the number of students in transition-Leah

- Community Conversations-we could branch out into rural communities
    - ICI is also agreeing to partner with us again or we could do basic listening sessions
        - I would need a strong connection in that community to help me set up a location/time/date and get participants (Detroit Lakes?)
        - If there are strong local parent groups-that might be a good start

    - Common Themes in Moorhead:
        - Communication-schools and agency-agency's and schools-as schools and agencies get higher caseloads are fewer workers communication gets harder and harder
            - This is why CTIC really is so important
        - Finding things to do for their young adult especially being some of the school programing is part time and work isn't always possible—this falls on parents and this is extremely hard especially if they are working fulltime.
            - Make a list of options. Maybe we can do this regionally as well and not just Moorhead.
        - Need a standardized process at the state level for services-who pays for what. Seems to change from county to county. How can we help? This might change as they change the waiver system but since humans are making the decisions there is always going to be different
            - Waivers and rules of waivers. Is this worth doing a webinar on? Who can we get? Someone from DHS? Or, our county specific?
        - Lack of a working CTIC
            - CTIC email was sent out Friday June 21 that CTIC will no longer be active.

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2. **Next Meetings**

    b Need Co-chairs – facilitate & help set agenda for meetings & workgroups

    - **Next Meetings:**

        - **June 27th, 11-12:30 Statewide Workforce Shortage Meeting**
        - **July 8th, 1-3. Culture of Safety Data Action Group**
        - **July 18th, 1:30 - 3:15 WCRQC Hybrid Meeting @Clay County Spud Room in the Family Service Center**

Other meetings/workshops

Pacer Workshops

Disability Hub Calendar

Upcoming AuSm Workshops

Minutes from past meetings.