# MSCOD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Highway Federal Credit Union

840 Westminster St., St. Paul, MN 55130

June 5, 2012

## Attendance

Bob Johnson, Barb Stensland, Kim Tyler, Michelle Trapp, Nate Aalgaard, Stephen Grams, Nancy Rosemore, Dean Ascheman, Kathy Wingen, Carlos Vazquez, Mark Hughes, Lourdes Mugas-Changcoco, Laurie Hassett, Jill Keen, Kim Kang, Anni Simons, Tom Pearson, Kevin Lindsey, Tracy Sigstad, Kellie McNamara, Joan Willshire, Tricia Drury, Diogo Reis, Margot Imdieke Cross, Elizabeth Demski, Colin Stemper, Lauren Siegel, Paraj Acharya, Ann Zaleski were present. Dave Schwartzkopf and Rev. David Sams participated by phone. Joani Werner and Kathy Peterson were absent.

## Agenda

* Call to Order
* Approval of Agenda and Minutes of March 15, 2012
* Anti-Sexual Harassment Training
* Legislative Update
* Current Education Issues
* MN Survey of Attitudes Regarding Developmental Disabilities
* Discussion of Council Statute and Council Appropriation
* Access/Housing Committee Report
* Education/Employment/Transportation Committee
* Standing Committee Unveiled – Events
* Budget Discussion
* Election of Executive Committee and Vice Chair Positions
* MA Reform – Anni Simons
* Council Chair Report
* Executive Director’s Report
* Adjourn

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

## Approval of Agenda and Council Minutes of March 15, 2012

Barb Stensland motioned for approval of the agenda; Mark Hughes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by council member roll call vote.

Rev. David Sams motioned for approval of the MSCOD Council minutes of March 15, 2012; Laurie Hassett seconded the motion. Nancy Rosemore and Lourdes Mugas-Changcoco abstained from voting; the motion was approved by council member roll call vote.

## Anti-Sexual Harassment Training

Kellie McNamara of SmART facilitated a brief sexual harassment training. Sexual harassment creates an hostile work environment that affects productivity, damages public perception of agencies and creates financial problems. She discussed the factors involved and definition of the workplace beyond the office. Reporting procedures were given.

## Legislative Update

Diogo Reis presented a brief update on legislative issues. The voter ID Constitutional amendment will be on the November ballot. In transportation the proposed fare increase was defeated; the metcouncil will make adjustments. Changes to MA-EPD were made: the age limit was eliminated, asset limits were changed. There was a delay on the 20% decrease for relatives acting as PCAs. There was also a delay on corporate foster care that would reduce beds as an individual becomes independent. Advocating Change Together received a small grant.

## Current Education Issues

Kim Kang presented current issues in education. Facts on bullying in schools and online were discussed in relation to the Governor’s Task Force On Prevention of School Bullying and proposed prevention legislation (the 2 bills did not get through the legislature in the 2012 session). She also discussed prone restraint use in schools and SF 1917 signed into law by the Governor on April 3,2012. It clarifies “prone restraint”, reporting, and developing a plan to reduce restrictive measures. Transitioning people with handicaps from school to adult life was also discussed.

## Candidates for the executive council were introduced.

Executive council candidate introduced.

## Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities: Survey Results

Tom Pearson of Market Response International reviewed the results of the Minnesota Survey of Attitudes Regarding Developmental Disabilities. This was a comparison of a 1962 survey with one made in 2012. It compared attitudes between the general population and families of people with developmental disabilities on several topics regarding services and support. It concluded that there has been a substantial shift in the last 50 years to greater integration into the community, greater support for families, and employment that supports independent and productive lives.

## Discussion of Council Statute and Council Appropriation

Joan Willshire reported that according to state statute MSCOD’s council should consist of 21 members; Gov.Pawlenty advised the council to lower the number. Governor Dayton suggested a range of 15 to 21 members to be determined by the governor and changing shall to may. Kathy Wingen motioned that the statute read may have 15 to 17 members; Dean Ascheman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Kim Tyler offered a friendly amendment changing the statute to read “ shall consist of 15 to 21 members”. Kathy Wingen then made an amended motion to that effect; Laurie Hassett seconded the amended motion. It was approved by council member roll call vote.

Joan Willshire discussed the need for increased appropriations for a staff member to handle employment issues. In the past MSCOD did have this position, but with PTE funds MSCOD was able to continue its work in this area. PTE funds are ending and MSCOD cannot afford to continue contracting this position. Appropriations are needed for salary and benefits for this position. Barb Stensland motioned that MSCOD move forward to increase funding for staff on employment; Kim Tyler seconded the motion. Discussion followed. It was approved by council member roll call vote.

## Access/Housing Committee Report

Mark Hughes gave the access committee report. MSCOD is participating in the State Park Promotion Project, promoting accessible features in 3 popular state parks. A letter has been sent to the governor’s office for MSCOD to consult on accessibility issues for the new Vikings stadium. Margot Imdieke Cross reported the Code Committee defeated a motion to eliminate equipment and appliance code and defeated a move to eliminate ambulatory bathrooms. It also strengthened the language for disability parking. As a result of the Disability Law Center’s settlement of a suit filed against Greyhound Bus company for violation of the ADA, Greyhound must provide training for personal, ensure access for people with disabilities and enact policy changes. Minnesota Human Rights must sign off on training.

## Education/Employment/Transportation Committee Report

Diogo Reis reported that the committee could not meet due to lack of quorum. Award categories for the fall awards event and the state fair product update were on the agenda.

## Standing Committee Unveiled

Dave Schwartzkopf announced the establishment of an events committee which will be open to all council members who wish to participate.

## Budget Discussion - Tracey Sigstad

Tracey Sigstad of Admin MN discussed the manager’s financial report through June, 2012. Rev.David Sams moved to approve the budget; Mark Hughes seconded the motion. It was approved by council member roll call vote. Tracey Sigstad also presented the PTE budget breakdown that expires this year. She stated that MSCOD will need to increase appropriations due to changes in SmART billing required by the legislature by 2014.

## Election of Executive Committee and Vice Chair Positions

The nominees for the executive committee were: Rev.Dave Sams, Kathy Wingen, Robert Johnson, Laurie Hassett, Dean Ascheman, Barb Stensland, Mark Hughes, and Kathy Peterson. Council members were instructed to vote for 4 of the nominees by signed ballots; members participating by phone voted by signed e-mail. The interns distributed, collected and tabulated the ballots. Kathy Peterson, Barb Stensland, Mark Hughes, and Robert Johnson were elected.

Council members then voted by signed ballot or e-mail for one of elected committee members to be the new vice chair. Interns distributed, collected, and tabulated the ballots. Barb Stensland was elected vice chair.

## MA Reform – Anni Simons of MN CCD

Anni Simons of MN CCD reported on MA waiver reforms in 2012. This is intended to provide better individual outcomes, provide the right service at the right time and insure long term sustainability. There are proposed changes to section 1115 nursing care that would raise eligibility, require state funding match federal dollars, and change the waiver itself by 2013-2016. Minnesota received a planning grant for state dual eligibility (Medicare/Medicaid). It would begin with 65+ candidates then do the disabled; it is to provide administrative integration and provider accountability. Money would follow the person. The Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is incorporating as a non-profit organization with an executive director and part time staff.

## Executive Director’s Report – Joan Willshire

Joan Willshire discussed staff activities. Margot Imdieke Cross is working on ADA access issues including a project for the DNR on recreational access at 3 state parks and a survey of hotels for accessibility. Diogo Ries attended a transportation conference in Baltimore. The interns are handling the annual satisfaction survey and Colin Stemper will be in charge of the State Fair sign up schedule. MSCOD will be conducting a Safe Patient Handling survey; this is to check if plans are in place for safe patient handling as mandated by the 2011 legislation. The executive director has bee working on the Transport Access Council; a pilot project for a 1 call systems for veterans and their families in southwest Minnesota has been approved. Commissioner Lindsey has requested training for members of state boards. The fall event still needs a venue and date; members are encouraged to participate in the event committee. The ADA celebration will be July 26, 2012; information will be e-mailed.

## Executive Committee Encumbrance Report

Kathy Wingen motioned for approval of MSCOD POs; Laurie Hassett seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by council member roll call Vote. Laurie Hassett motioned for approval of MSCOD contracts; Nancy Rosemore seconded the motion. It was adopted by council member roll call vote.

## Council Chair’s Report

David Schwartzkopf reported that Joan Willshire had her review, but the state contract for manager’s salary was not passed.

## Adjourn

Bob Johnson motioned for adjournment; Mark Hughes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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