# MSCOD COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 4, 2015

121 East 7th Place, St. Paul, MN 55101

Metro Square – Lower Level Room 2

## AGENDA

* Call to order & Introductions
* Approval of Agenda & Minutes
* WOIA Presentation – Kim Peck
* Regional Transportation Council – Noel Shughart
* Olmstead Update & Community engagement – Kristin Jorenby
* ADA Symposium, Atlanta – Margot, Stu, & Shannon
* Legislative Update – David Fenley
* Sub-committee updates
	+ Access
	+ Employment
	+ ADA 25th anniversary event update
	+ 2015 MN State Fair
* Public Comment
* Chair’s Report
* Executive Director’s Report
* Other
* Adjourn

## ATTENDANCE

Council members present: Kim Tyler, Kathy Peterson, Bryce Samuelson, Jim Thalhuber, Kathy Wingen, Hilary Hauser (late), Dean Ascheman (present a.m., by phone p.m.). David Schwartzkopf participated by phone. Ex-officios present: Jill Keen, Linda Lingen, Karly Turner, Loraine Jensen, Gail Lundeen, Barb Lundeen, and Joani Werner. Staff members present: Joan Willshire, Margot Imdieke Cross, Stuart Cross, Shannon Hartwig, David Fenley, David Shaw, Chad Miller, Andy Mosca, Claire Cosmos, George Shardlow and Elizabeth Demski. Speakers present: Kim Peck, Noel Shughart, and Kristin Jorenby.

The chair decided to delay the call to order until a quorum was present. Speakers gave their presentations until quorum was reached.

## WIOA Presentation – Kim Peck, DEED

Kim Peck of DEED presented changes to public vocational rehabilitation programs – the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA). The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 created a Federal/State partnership to assist those with disabilities to secure and keep jobs. It was renewed in 2014 with bipartisan support with an amendment that emphasizes services to youth (21 and below). It makes vocational rehabilitation departments gatekeepers to access to sheltered workshops. There is greater alignment with 1 stop programs expected. It also increases assistive technology to health & Human services. With the greater emphasis on and funding for youth with disabilities, it may negatively affect others with disabilities. The comment period for this ends soon. MSCOD will send a letter.

## CALL TO ORDER

With quorum present, the chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

The agenda was amended to extend the chair’s report and eliminate the 12:10 call to order. Kathy Wingen motioned for approval of the agenda; Dean Ascheman seconded the motion. It was approved by roll call vote.

Kathy Wingen motioned for approval minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting. Dean Ascheman seconded the motion. It was approved by roll call vote.

## Proposed Regional Transportation Council – Noel Shughart, MNDOT

Noel Shughart reported on the statewide meetings on the proposed regional transportation council which includes MNDOT, MN-Net, and the Met Council. The mission is to co-ordinate transportation statewide. The present model doesn’t work; transportation in greater Minnesota is non-existent. There is a need to integrate communities and create a new model to eliminate funding silos at the local level. Co-ordinating councils would receive funding. Results of the meetings will be presented at the Duluth conference on aging. More discussions statewide will continue.

## OLMSTEAD Update – Kristin Jorenby

In April, 2015, the court rejected the March Olmstead plan; a new plan is due July, 2015. The goal is a simpler, easier version of the plan. There is disagreement over measureable goals. There are not enough baseline numbers and there is a problem finding agreement over the framework.

Presently, the state is working on a community engagement plan to elicit comments on framework and planning that is inclusive throughout the process and will have greater representation. MSCOD is submitting a letter in response.

## ADA Symposium

Margot Imdieke Cross attended the ADA symposium in Atlanta. Overall, it was a good conference. She thought the high points were workshops on the history of Disability Civil Rights from the 60s’ to present, Betty Segal of the Kennedy Center’s presentation on hot technology, and the technology workshops and self-evaluation implementation. Stuart Cross thought the workshops on Title 1 guidelines and the EEOC valuable.

## Legislative Update

David Fenley reported on the session ending 5/18/2015; a special session needs to be convened. MSCOD was successful in getting a disability representative on the emergency taskforce for elections and input on apprenticeship & training proper. MSCOD will receive $90,000 in legacy money; the bill is waiting for the governor’s signature. A disability amendment was drafted to put MSCOD and other appointed agencies on projects with legacy money to make those projects accessible. MA-EPD premium increases were repealed. The Able Act passed which allows parents to set up savings accounts for a disabled child. An Accommodation Fund of $200,000 was passed for state workers (in agencies). Equipalife received funding. The transportation bill was enough to maintain the status quo.

## Sub-committee Reports

### ACCESS

Margot Imdieke Cross reported this committee needs more members. She is on the airport access advisory committee; she wants to increase access, go beyond the code and improve inclusiveness. She asks that anyone with information or complaints contact her. The Saints’ ballpark exceeds code in all areas. Capitol restoration has closed the building to the public; it is an active construction zone. Lawyers have started suing business under Title III – business is out of compliance and they are being sued for full accessibility. We need to develop a plan to educate business and get ahead of lawyers’ profiting from the situation.

### EMPLOYMENT

David Fenley reported on the June 1, 2015 meeting. There is a request for MSCOD to address a 700 hr. program for apprenticeship for state employment for people with disabilities. Kathy Wingen motioned the MSCOD support this program. Bryce Samuelson seconded the motion. It was approved by roll call voice vote.

### ADA 25th Anniversary

Andy Mosca and David Shaw updated the council on ADA activities. The microsite is available and can be accessed from MSCOD’s website. The event has also been set up on Facebook and twitter. TPT is making a documentary. ADA surveys continue to be conducted. Artwork has been selected and will be available at the History Center celebration and the State Fair. There is an employment conference on 10/28/15.

### 2015 MN State Fair

Clair Cosmos circulated sign-up sheets for working at the Fair. MSCOD needs knowledgeable volunteers. This year MSCOD will have a triple booth to accommodate MSCOD’s information and the ADA information.

## Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## Chair’s Report

Jim Thalhuber reported that MSCOD needs 5 council members.

Notices of qualified candidates were forwarded to the governor’s office.

The council hopes the appointments will be formalized by September.

The chair and executive director met with Tracy Sigstad of SMART to review the budget.

Through the end of May, 2015 the budget is where it should be and only a small amount of funding will need to be returned to the state. The ADA legacy fund needs to have the final fiscal report completed in September, 2015. The chair suggests council members submit their expense reports on a quarterly basis per our by-laws. MSCOD needs all expense reports by June 12, 2015 in order to be submitted to the state by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2015). The chairman presented the Fiscal 2016-2017 MSCOD planning process. An environmental scan will be drafted and sent to members in August for review. At September’s council meeting, a facilitator will lead the members in a SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunities, threats) analysis and review strategic framework. Strategic goals/directions will be reviewed at the December meeting. He wants this process to be done well and within six months.

## Executive Director’s Report

Joan Willshire has been busy working with Olmstead, transportation, and ADA as well as attending hearings at the capitol this session. She hopes MSCOD will be able to provide sufficient training for new members before the next meeting. The director and other staff members will attend the Age & Odyssey conference in Duluth on June 15, 2015.

## Adjournment

Christine Versaevel motioned to adjourn; Kim Tyler seconded the motion.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Demski