# MSCOD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MSCOD OFFICE

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November 17, 2015

(APPROVED 1/13/2016)

## ATTENDANCE

Dean Ascheman– in office

Jim Thalhuber – in office

Robert Johnson– via phone

Nate Aalgaard – via phone

Kathy Peterson – Absent

Staff present Joan Willshire, David Fenley and Shannon Hartwig

## CALL TO ORDER

Jim Thalhuber as chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Robert Johnson motioned for approval of the agenda; it was seconded by Dean Ascheman. It was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Robert Johnson motioned for approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting. Dean Ascheman seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous voice vote.

## ADA Legacy – October 28 event update

Council Chair Jim Thalhuber provided the group with a brief recap of the event. There was a positive vibe throughout the event, it was well attended and staff did an amazing job. There were a few minor kinks, but overall it was great.

## Legislative update

Staff member David Fenley presented the group a brief background on the ADA Title lll lawsuits. MSCOD will continue to monitor the subject matter.

## 2016-2018 Strategic Planning

The group reviewed document 6-REVISED DRAFT-MSCOD Strategic planning goals 2015.doc and made suggestions to improve the working plan. The edits will be made and the final draft will be sent out before the next council meeting that will be held on December 2, 2015. Work will begin on the MSCOD work Plan, based on the content from the final draft.

## Public Policy Agenda - Review

Staff David Fenley member submitted the information listed below to the group for review, suggestions were made, and as this is a working document, edits will be made to the draft document.

Legislative Forum on Feb, 9 12:30 – 4pm, MN Senate Building with tour to follow

Session begins March 8, 2016

Ends: May 23, 2016

Gives us about 5 weeks before deadlines, 10 weeks total

1. ADA Lawsuits: Discussing possible amendment to HRA that provide opportunity to allow the law to accomplish intent and get as close to universal ADA/HRA compliance as possible.
2. Disability Parking: Respond to requests from legislators and the community to look at possible changes. Right now we are developing a survey, we will then hold discussions based on results of the survey for possible alteration to disability parking rules in 2016 or 2017
3. Physical therapists want to be added to list of professionals who issue disability parking placards.
4. Emergency elections taskforce: no specific legislation yet, but most likely will be some to institutionalize a process to conduct elections in case of an emergency. Margot is on that task force to ensure any process is fully accessible to PWDs. MSCOD’s role in this task force was a result of MSCOD advocacy last session.
5. Best Life Alliance: formerly 5% campaign. Seeks increase in HCBS $90 million next year to boost pay for caregivers. Sen. Kent Eken, DFL-Twin Valley, and state Rep. Matt Dean
6. Driverless cars: Under current state law they are illegal. Currently, the goal is to change state law so MN is seen as cold whether testing ground for this technology. This tech has the potential to increase independence for people with disabilities.

## Council Meeting Planning

The group reviewed the draft agenda for the next full council meeting. The meeting will be December 2, 2015 and attendance is encouraged via conference line.

## Council Membership Applications 2016

9 of the 17 appointed council members will expire/lapse on January 4, 2016. A SPECIAL full council meeting will be held November 17, 2015, immediately following the current executive meeting, to discuss options best suited to fit the needs of the council as a whole. Please review meeting minutes for the November 17, 2015 SPECIAL full council meeting for more details.

## ADJOURNMENT

Dean Ascheman motioned to adjourn; Bob Johnson seconded. The chair adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Hartwig