# MSCOD COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday December 2, 2015

MSCOD 121 East 7th Place Suite 107

St. Paul, MN 55107

(APPROVED 1/28/2016)

## AGENDA

* Call to order & Introductions
* Approval of Agenda & Minutes
* Committee Updates
  + Access
  + Employment
  + ADA October 28th event recap
  + 2016 Strategic Planning
* Legislative Updates
  + Public Policy Agenda
* Public Comment
* Chair’s Report
* Executive Director’s Report
* Adjourn

## CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Council Chair Jim Thalhuber called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Council members present in person: Jim Thalhuber, Dean Ascheman. Council members present via phone: Nate Aalgaard, Andrea Bejarano-Robinson, Brian Bonte, Tim Boyer, Hilary Hauser, Nancy Fitzsimons, Robert Johnson, Kathy Peterson, Nance Rosemore, Dave Schwartzkopf, Kim Tyler, and Kathy Wingen.

Ex-officios present: Jill Keen, Linda Lingen, Joni Werner, Lorraine Jensen, Aaron Kallunki, and Noel Sughart. Staff members present: Joan Willshire, Margot Imdieke Cross, David Fenley, Chad Miller, and Shannon Hartwig.

Council members absent, Bryce Samuelson, Christine Versaevel, and Carlos Vazquez.

## APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA & MINUTES

Dave Schwartzkopf motioned for approval of the agenda. Kathy Wingen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Nate Aalgaard motioned for approval of the minutes for the September 24, 2015 and November 17, 2015 SPECIAL full council meetings. Kathy Wingen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by roll call vote.

## ACCESS COMMITTEE UPDATES

Nate Aalgaard and Margot Imdieke Cross gave a brief update on the access committee. Meetings have been held monthly, and it has been working well, the group has worked on informing their local areas on topics like the ADA title lll lawsuits, and local ordinances on snow removal.

## EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES

Kathy Wingen and David Fenley provided a brief update about the employment committee. The meetings have been held monthly, and the committee has discussed the new structure. They also have plan on reviewing the MN State Employment website.

## ADA LEGACY EVENT UPDATE

Jim Thnalhber and Joan Willshire 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. The ADA Survey will be completed soon, and it will be shared with the council over the next few meetings, based on the timing of the release, we expect to have the results to present at the January 28th full council meeting. Staff members Claire Cosmos, David Shaw and Andy Mosca have all left MSSCOD, and will be missed.

## 2016 Strategic Planning

The group reviewed the MSCOD Strategic plan, and made recommendations to edit the document; edits will be made by staff. The final draft will be sent back to the executive committee meeting, the next one will be held on January 13, 2016. The final document will be presented at the Full Council Meeting. MSCOD Executive Director, will take the content from the MSCOD Strategic Plan and add it to the MSCOD work plan as necessary, as these two documents co-relate to each other.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

David Fenley gave a brief background on the items that will be included in the Public Policy Agenda. It is a working document, and we expect it will be ready at the next executive committee meeting on January 13, 2016. Edits and revisions will be added, and it will move to the January 28th, 2016 full council meeting.

David Fenley discussed with the group the detail of the Legislative Forum that will be held on February 9, 2016. It will be held at the new State Office Building, and we will have web streaming.

## CHAIR’S REPORT

Jim Thalhuber reported to the group, the details of the financial report. He expects that we will be on target for the fiscal year, this information was gained from meeting with the Executive Director and the budget management team from MMB. The decision to hold council meeting via conference line has helped, along with the other minor cut backs.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

December 3, 2015 Minnesota Department of Human Services will hold its annual conference MSCOD employees will attend, some staff will speak at the event, and some will attend. As part of the budget cut backs, we have curtailed all conferences and workshops, however we been allowed to attend the event for free. The new Minnesota State employment site will be up next week, Chad Miller is working on the accessibility portion of that site. Joan attended the HBCS waiver meeting, and they are getting ready for the 2017 Legislative session.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## ADJOURN

Dean Ascheman motioned to adjourn; Kathy Peterson seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously. The chair adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Hartwig