# MSCOD COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday October 5, 2017

Metro Square lower level room 2

121 East 7th Place Suite 107

St. Paul, MN 55101

## AGENDA

Call to order & Introductions

Staff Presentations, Agency Review 2017

Agency Presentation, Moving Forward 2018

Website branding update

Presentation, State Olmstead Specialty Committee

Committee Updates

Ampers Radio Presentation

Ex-Officio Presentations

Mission, Vision, and Values recommendations

Presentation 700 hour plan

By-Laws Revision, Changes, and Edits (Action Item)

Chair’s Report

Executive Director’s Report

Other Business

Public Comment

Adjourn

## CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Council Chair, Jim Thalhuber called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Council members present in person: Jim Thalhuber, Birain Bonte, Nancy Fitzsimons, Kathy Peterson, Quinn Nystrom, Kathrine Macdonald, Amber Madoll, Joshua Melvin, Kathy Wingen, Dean Ascheman, and Shaneen Moore. Council members present via phone: Nate Aalgaard, Lauren Thompson and Ted Stamp.

Ex-officios present: Jill Keen, Wendy Wulff, Annette Toews and Vikki Getchelll

Staff members present: Joan Willshire, Margot Imdieke Cross, David Fenley, Chad Miller, Stuart Cross, and Shannon Hartwig.

Members absent: Hilary Hauser and Andrea Bejarano-Robinson

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

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

Brian Bonte motioned for approval of the minutes for the June 8, 2017, full council meeting. Dean Ascheman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by roll call vote.

## PRESENTATION: Agency Review, Joan Willshire

Joan Willshire provided a review of the agency work plan, she provided updates of the status of agency successes of completed projects and on-going items the agency will continue to work on. Successes including the areas of Building access, Emergency preparedness, ADA advocacy, transportation and Olmstead. For further details review document 2017 successes at MCD.doc

## PRESENTATION: Moving forward 2018, Joan Willshire

Joan Willshire provided details of the items that will be added into the public policy agenda, at the time of the meeting the legislative position is vacant. The agency will be working on filling the position before the legislative session starts. Executive Director Joan Willshire will continue to work with the members of the executive committee to prepare the 2018 Policy Agenda.

## Website Rebranding, Sarah Parker and Chad Miller

The new website is up and running and is setting the gold standard for digital accessibility. There are a few minor issues that were to be expected with launching a new site, however we are pleased with the results.

## Presentation, Olmstead Specialty Committee, Nancy Fitzsimons

Nancy Fitzsimmons, Diane Doolittle and Daron Korte gave a presentation, titled Comprehensive plan to prevent abuse and neglect of people with disabilities, an over view presentation for listening session: Twin Cities, Mankato, Rochester, Duluth and Bemidji.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Employment

Joan Willshire provided a recap of the status of the Employment committee, Items the committee will be working on are updating the Employment position papers, and the volunteer 1099 issue. The staff liaison for the committee is the Legislative position, currently that position is vacant, and when it is filled the committee will continue to work on the items. Additionally the chairperson for the committee has excused absences.

## State Fair Update

Joan Willshire gave a brief review of the success of this year’s booth, we were able to secure a triple wide booth space with the help of the requests of the council members. Council members drafted a letter requesting additional space to meet the needs of our group. Additionally it was well attended by commissioners, agency partners and volunteers.

Laura Weible provided a review of the State Fair survey, she will send out a link to the council when it is completed.

## Ampers Radio Spots

Ampers Radio played the 90 second mini documentaries spots for the group, over all the group was less than thrilled with the music. Many expressed it was somber or gave them a poor me feeling, while they felt it should be presented on a more positive note, the script was uplifting but the music was more on the slower side. Staff member Linda Gremillion will bring the reviews back to the Ampers radio team.

## Presentation, 700 Hour plan, Famina Ajay-Hackworth

Famina Ajay\_Hackworth provide the group with a brief background on the status of the connect 700 hour plan.

## Future Meeting Planning

The next Full Council Meeting scheduled for 2017 are, and for 2018 December 14, February 8, June 7.

## EX-OFFICIO PRESENTATIONS

Vikki Gretchell, Minnesota Department of Human Rights Office of Inclusion and Annette Towes gave brief updates from their respective agencies.

## Discussion, Mission Values, and Vision

The group discussed the revised version of the Council on Disabilities Mission, Values and Vision statement, review document 8- DRAFT Changes Mission Values Statement October 2017.doc. **ACTION:** Dean Ascheman made a motion to accept the changes as provided, Brian Bonte seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by roll call vote. Changes are listed below.

**MISSION:** To serve people with disabilities in Minnesota through development of effective policy, training, technical resources and collaborations with public and private stakeholders.

**VALUES:** We operate with a specific set of values:

* Respect
* Integrity
* Collaboration
* Communication

**VISION:** A barrier-free Minnesota where every person with a disability has full access to all aspects of life.

## CHAIR’S REPORT

Jim Thalhuber reported that the agency budget is on track, and the fiscal years will end on June 30th, 2018. 2018 is not a carryover year. Dean Ascheman brought forward the need to review the By-laws, there is a change that was made to the By-laws in June of 2017, in regard to the section on term limits. The item will be posted for review within the December meeting packet. Shannon Hartwig will include the items to the December 14th meeting agenda, and the mailing packet will include a proposed change notice.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Joan Willshire reported that

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

## ADJOURN

Brian Bonte motioned to adjourn; Nancy Fitzsimons seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously. The chair adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Hartwig