

Home Care and Assisted Living Program Advisory Council Minutes

MAY 15, 2023

Attendees

Council members: Sue Boyd, Mariclaire England, Genevieve Gaboriault, Nancy Haugen, Jarrod Peterson, and Susan Morgan

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH): Lindsey Krueger and Daphne Ponds

Public: Many attendees via conference call

Agenda

- Welcome
- Social Connection Grant: Review Applications
- 2023 Legislative Session
- Next Steps

Welcome

Lindsey Krueger, current chair to the Advisory Council, welcomed the Council Members. Council Members were unmuted and encouraged to speak freely while public attendees were muted to reduce distractions but were encouraged to place any comments or questions in the chat feature.

Lindsey reviewed the agenda – please see coinciding PowerPoint presentation..

Social Connection Grant: Review Applications

Since it had been three months since the last council meeting, Lindsey briefly refreshed the group on the Social Connection Grant itself, the process, and the current status.

The council then reviewed the last of the remaining applications. This took up the majority of the meeting.

MDH was tasked with reaching out to two applicants for additional information and clarification before the council would determine their final funded amount.

Council agreed that even though the full \$250,000 was not awarded, they were not interested in going back to revisit previous applications nor reopening up the application process for additional time. They wanted to consider the grant process closed for now and start fresh with another grant at another time.

Lindsey suggested reviewing what went well and what needed improvements for next time. Also found value in the surveys that were sent out to those that received the first round of grants. Thought the Council would like to send that out again.

Legislative Updates

2023 Legislative Session ends May 22nd. Home Care language has moved forward, while MDHs Assisted Living language did not.

MDH put together a workgroup with broad representation from stakeholders, which began in March, to look at issues with 144G and small providers. Some concerns include implementation of food code, building code, staffing, cost of licensing, transfer of license to a new address (due to renting of single family homes), and waived service payments.

What's Next for the Advisory Council?

Jarrod expressed that he would like to return the councils' focus on bringing recommendations forward to the Commissioner.

Other

MDH is still working with the Secretary of State on broadening up the Advisory Council membership per language that was passed in the 2022 legislative session. Lindsey and Daphne will continue to work on that.

Daphne has been permanently hired into Lindsey's former position, the Executive Regional Operations Manager for the State Team overseeing the Home Care and Assisted Living survey and complaint process. Lindsey will be transitioning this Advisory Council over to her for leadership. She thanked everyone for the fantastic work over the last four years together.

Next Meeting

TBD

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