



Disability Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 3 P.M. – 5 P.M.

Location: Dakota County Western Service Center, Room 106
14955 Galaxy Avenue, Apple Valley, MN, 55124

Online: Join the meeting now; **Meeting ID: 293 313 237 877; Passcode:**
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Attendance

Council Member	Representing	Attended
Valentina Barnes	Lived experience	x
Linda Bailey	Lived experience	x
Aiden Kilgannon	Lived experience	x
Amy Hunting	Lived experience	x
Sumukha Terakanambi	Lived experience	x
Heidi Myhre	Lived experience	
Michael Cashman	Lived experience	x
Lucianna Wolfstone	Lived experience	
David Shaw	Lived experience	x
Lisa Surdinha	Family member	
Roberta Armbruster-Murray	Family member	
Eva Johnson	Family member	x
Stephanie Thomas	Family member	x
Alison Niemi	Family member	x
Susan Pagnac	Service provider	x
Ann Bailey	Service provider	x
Jodi Yanda	Service provider	x
Mike Welsh	Service provider	x
Toby Hearn	Service provider	
Michael Dahl	Service provider	x
Bilan Arab	Faith community	x
Andrea Engstrom	Education	
Sheila Hawthorne	Housing	x

Dakota County Staff in Attendance

Sky Jarvi, Dakota County Inclusion Diversity Equity Access (IDEA) Manager

Jessica Johnson, Dakota County Administrative Coordinator to the County Manager

Megan Zeilinger, Program Coordinator, Dakota County Social Services

DeAnn Prouty, Program Coordinator, Dakota County Social Services

Scott Peters, Senior Transportation Planner

Robyn Bernardy, Transportation Coordinator

Others in Attendance

Agenda

I. Call to Order & Introductions

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The November 13, 2024, meeting minutes are attached for review.

III. Presentations

- **Update on 2024 Dakota County ADA Transition Plan for County Highway Rights of Way (Presented by Scott Peters, Senior Transportation Planner)**

The presentation and draft Transition Plan are attached for review.

IV. Council Business

- **Council Bylaws (Presented by Jessica Johnson, Staff Liaison)**

The draft bylaws are attached for your review.

- **2025 Meetings and Workplan (Presented by Jessica Johnson, Staff Liaison & Megan Zeilinger, Program Coordinator)**

The 2025 meeting calendar is attached.

- **Council Priority Discussion**

Discussion on the top two priorities identified in 2024: Internal County Issues and Transportation

V. County Updates (Dakota County Staff)

VI. Council Member Announcements/Updates

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Decisions Made

- Decision: Approval of December 2024 meeting minutes

- Decision: Approval of Bylaws with the following changes to the language:
 - using persons with a disability and disabled people interchanged throughout the document.
 - individuals who receive case management services from Dakota County are eligible to be members of the Council.
- Reviewed and agreed on meeting dates for 2025.
- Work Plan: Develop and share two stories annually from people with lived experience.
- County Updates will be added as a standing agenda item.
- The first half of meetings will be used for presentations, which will seek input from Council members and provide education on topics determined by the Council.
- Council Send any information or action items.
- Information was shared about a community assessment being completed by Dendros. They are requesting to interview Council members for the assessment. More information will be sent out about participation. The interview session will be held from 3 pm – 5 pm on February 20th in WSC Room 106. Please let DeAnn Prouty know if you would like to participate. Deann.prouty@co.dakota.mn.us

Action Items

- Action: Discussion of Council Priorities and Work Plan for 2025. The consensus reached more information is needed about the Council priority identified as “internal County issues”.
- Action: County Priorities—Send a new survey of issues to Council members, pick the top priorities, and have a county representative come in and discuss them if applicable.
- Action: All Council members indicated how they would like their names and identities listed on their name tents. New name tents will be made for each member.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025
 Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 Location: Dakota County Western Service Center, Apple Valley, MN
 Agenda items: Presentation on Communities for All and Workforce Taskforce activities.

Submit proposed agenda items to Jessica.Johnson@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US

Minutes Prepared by: DeAnn Prouty
 Date: January 8, 2025