



Disability Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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

Attendance

Council Member	Representing	Attended
Valentina Barnes	Lived experience	
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	x
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	x
Michael Dahl	Service provider	x
Bilan Arab	Faith Community	
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
- DeAnn Prouty, Program Coordinator, Dakota County Social Services

Others in Attendance

- Margaret Stone, Library Director
- Jennifer Reichert Simpson, Library Deputy Director

Agenda

I. Call to Order & Introductions

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The February 12, 2025, meeting minutes are attached for review.

IV. Council Business

Council Priority Discussion

Discussion on the top three priorities identified in 2024: Internal County Issues, Transportation, and Outreach/Awareness (continued from February 12, 2025, meeting)

V. Presentations

Dakota County Library (Presented by Margaret Stone, Library Director & Jennifer Reichert Simpson, Library Deputy Director)

VI. County Updates (Dakota County Staff)

VII. Council Member Announcements/Updates

VIII. Adjourn

Decisions Made

Decision: Approval of Agenda.

Decision: Approval of February 2025 meeting minutes.

Decision: Members sign in on the sign-in sheet and indicate yes or no to the stipend.

Decision: Adhere to a five-minute break during each meeting.

Decision: Meeting Adjourned.

Discussion Items:

- **Council Priorities:** Reviewed and discussed the first three Council priorities. Recommended changes. Council will review and approve final edits to priorities 1, 2, and 3 at the April meeting.
- **County Board Meetings:** Jessica Johnson included the dates and link to all county board meetings. If you need an alternative way to participate in county board meetings, contact Jessica or DeAnn Prouty.
- **Current Government, Budget, and Funding issues:** Council members shared concerns about potential changes at the Federal level and their impact on services and support for people with disabilities. They also discussed elevating their personal stories and the impact they are experiencing from current and potential future changes.
- **Dakota County ADA:** Jessica Johnson is the new Access Management Coordinator. Her work focuses on ensuring ADA compliance across Dakota County. County leadership and departments have supported her work and are working to ensure ADA compliance in all areas.
- **Dakota County Library:** Library staff provided a presentation focusing on efforts to ensure libraries and events are inclusive and welcoming to all. They gathered feedback and input from the Council member's suggestions on improvements that will continue to expand access and inclusion in library spaces.

Action Items

Action: Jessica Johnson will make the recommended changes to Council priorities 1,2, and 3. The Council will review the final edits at the April 2025 Council Meeting.

Action: Jessica Johnson Will write descriptions for priorities 4, 5, 6, & 7 for discussion at the April Council Meeting.

Action: Dakota County staff will determine which internal departments and individuals can best address the accessibility of internal county systems to begin addressing Council Priority 1.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 PM
Location: Dakota County Western Service Center, Apple Valley, MN
Agenda items: Review Priorities 4-7
Proposed agenda items: Jessica.johnson@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US

Minutes Prepared by: DeAnn Prouty, Dakota County Program Coordinator

Date: 3/12/25