



Disability Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 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
Michael Cashman	Lived experience	x
Lucianna Wolfstone	Lived experience	x
David Shaw	Lived experience	x
Lisa Surdinha	Family member	
Eva Johnson	Family member	x
Stephanie Thomas	Family member	x
Alison Niemi	Family member	
Susan Pagnac	Service provider	
Ann Bailey	Service provider	x
Jodi Yanda	Service provider	x
Mike Welsh	Service provider	
Toby Hearn	Service provider	x
Michael Dahl	Service provider	
Bilan Arab	Faith community	
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

Presentation: Greg Wisher. Program Supervisor, Employment and Economic Assistance

Others in Attendance

Dr. Angela Carter, Dendros

Denise Pike, Dendros

Agenda

I. Call to Order & Introductions

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The May 14, 2025, meeting minutes are attached for review.

IV. Council Business

Presentations

- Employment & Economic Assistance Document Upload Portal (Greg Wisher, E&EA Program Supervisor) (20 min.)
- Dendros Survey Results Update (DeAnn Prouty, Social Services Program Coordinator) (45 min.)

V. County Updates (Dakota County Staff)

VI. Council Member Announcements/Updates

VII. Adjourn

Decisions Made

- Decision: Approval of May 2025 meeting minutes with correction to Disability Justice Principles. Request to enter a link.
- Decision: July meeting canceled
- Decision: Adjourn

Action Items

- Action: Contact Greg Wisher if you have ideas about the portal or are willing to help with testing.
- Action: Further discussion and ideas to expand inclusion and welcoming spaces in Dakota County through the Communities for All initiatives.

Discussion Items/Presentations

- Employment & Economic Assistance Document Upload Portal, presented by Greg Wisher, E&EA Program Supervisor
 - Presented a new document upload portal for people to submit required documentation. The system is still in the testing phase. The department wants feedback from the Council before going “live”.
 - The new system will streamline work and reduce the backlog.
 - The system will be for submission only. DAC members noted that a lookup system enhances accessibility and usability.
 - DAC members gave feedback and input. Look at other counties’ portals and aim for simplicity and accessibility.
 - DAC would like continued status updates on the portal.
- Dendros Community Inclusion Assessment for Dakota County
 - Dr. Angela Carter and Denise Pike from Dendros presented their findings from the work they conducted gathering information about the current state of inclusion for disabled people in Dakota County.
 - Dendros provided a PowerPoint presentation as well as the full report and a graphic representation of the results.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Dakota County Western Service Center, Apple Valley, MN

Minutes Prepared by: DeAnn Prouty
Date: June 11, 2025