



## Disability Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 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	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
Myss Luci Wolfstone (Shy/Hyrself)	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	
Susan Pagnac	Service provider	x
Ann Bailey	Service provider	x
Jodi Yanda	Service provider	x
Mike Welsh	Service provider	
Toby Hearn	Service provider	x
Michael Dahl	Service provider	x
Bilan Arab	Faith Community	
Andrea Engstrom	Education	x
Sheila Hawthorne	Housing	

### 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

Gilbert Acevedo, Deputy Director, Dakota County Social Services Administration

## **County Commissioners in Attendance**

Laurie Halverson, District 3 Commissioner

## **Agenda**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of October 2024 Minutes and Bylaws
- Vote on Chair/Co Chair
- Priorities: Review and choose top 2
- Met Council Request
- Per Diem Form completion

## **Decisions Made**

- Approved of October 2024 meeting minutes
- Review Committee Bylaws at the January 8, 2025, meeting
- Committee members vote for Chair and Co-Chair. Committee members have elected:
  - Chair Sumukha Terakanambi
  - Co-Chair Ann Bailey
- Committee members agreed to visit with the Met Council at the December 2024 Meeting. The December meeting will not be a standard, mandatory meeting. Council members who wish to participate in the discussion with Met Council representatives will attend in person only.
- Committee members voted on priorities identified in survey themes. Committee members agreed that all the topics are important. Each priority area has a different meaning and anticipated outcomes for each member. Ranking by vote:
  1. Internal County Issues
  2. Transportation
  3. Outreach/Awareness
  4. Public Accessibility
  5. Housing Access
  6. Employment Access
  7. Education
- Committee members agreed to discuss the top two priority areas voted on by members. At the January 8, 2025, meeting, the focus will be exploring the top two priorities and what they mean for each person.

## Action Items

- Action: Send updated Bylaws via email. Committee members will review prior to the January 8, 2025, meeting in preparation for discussion.
- Action: Dakota Co Liaison will contact Met Council to facilitate the December 11, 2024, Meeting. Information will be sent prior to the meeting.
- Identify the meaning, focus areas, and anticipated outcomes of the two strategic priorities that were identified:
  - Internal County Issues
  - Transportation

## Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Dakota County Western Service Center, Apple Valley, MN

Agenda items: Optional Meeting. Consultation with Met Council to provide input on their planning process. Please inform Megan Zeilinger via email if you plan on attending. The meeting is in person only, no virtual attendance option.

Minutes Prepared by: DeAnn Prouty, Dakota County Resource Development Coordinator

Date: 11.13.24