

Home Care and Assisted Living Program Advisory Council Minutes

JANUARY 23, 2023

Attendees

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

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

Public: Many attendees via conference call

Agenda

- Welcome
- 2023 Legislative Session
- Advisory Council: Open Seats/Secretary of State assistance
- Social Connection Grant: Review Applications
- 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 mentioned the possibility of returning to in person meetings soon.

Lindsey reviewed the agenda – please see coinciding PowerPoint presentation. With 160 Social Connection Grant applications submitted at the time of this meeting, discussion of the grant process and reviewing the first applications took up the bulk of the meeting.

Legislative Updates

Changes to Home Care and Assisted Living Advisory Council

[Minn. Statutes 144A.4799](#), subd. 1. Increases the membership of the Home Care and Assisted Living Program Advisory Council from eight to 13 people.

Lindsey has been working with the Secretary of State to get these applications added to their website. There has been interest surrounding getting these additional seats added quickly, especially by the provider organizations and MDH knows this is important.

2023 Legislative Session

2023 Legislative Session began the first week of January. MDH has not received our language back from the Revisor's Office yet. Assisted Living Licensure has already been a topic on two pre-session hearings and MDH is working to put together a workgroup 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.

Social Connection Grant

Lindsey reviewed the parameters the Advisory Council Members set for the Social Connection Grant Application (please see coinciding PowerPoint presentation). Lindsey and team explained that applications ready to be scored today had already been pre-filtered out for having accurate account information including Conflict of Interest forms submitted and matching SWIFT account information.

The remainder of the meeting was spent on scoring funding plans for applications that had met all requirements. The council agreed to continue scoring applications individually and would discuss any plans that did not receive full points (12) at the next meeting. Lindsey will send out the next group of funding plans this week.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 7th at 2:00 pm

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