

Minutes: Health Services Advisory Council

Date: January 10th, 2024, 5:30 - 7:30PM

Link to meeting: <https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=mf0851f25dbeb40e2f82e2438aae8141d>

Note: All committee members and staff attended remotely

Attendance

Council Members:

- Amy Burt
- Claudia Thomas
- Scott Hegstad
- Michael Thorn
- Rakesh John
- Samba Fall
- Tenbit Emiru
- Sagar Dugani
- Saudade Sammuels
- Rick Printon

DHS Staff:

- Caralyn Schnick
- Diogo Reis
- Laurie Engeldinger
- Matthew Vierzba
- Megan Warfield-Kimball
- Rebecca Engberg
- Nathan Chomilo

Guests:

- Anna MacIntyre
- Larbi Bellakra
- Sue Redepenning
- Bill Gould
- Laura Bakken
- Laura Madigan
- DeAnn Runge
- Liz Scherer
- Debbie Morgan
- Jennifer Giesen
- Molly Stark
- Taylor Limbeck
- Kim Cook
- Lewis Golinker
- Shannon

Welcome

- Called to order 5:33 PM
- Chair welcomed members.
- Member and staff introductions

Housekeeping:

- Voting to approve November Minutes
A voice vote approved the minutes, Samba Fall moved to approve the minutes, Tenbit Emiru seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Jaco Robotic Arm

Matt Vierzba – DHS Policy Specialist – Shared a video of the Robotic arm in use (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAsIf8xxG>), Kinova Robotics background information, Specifications of device, common patient diagnoses the device is used for, research and insurance coverage, alternatives to JACO,, problems perceived by MHCP, and the questions proposed to the council.

Sue Redepenning OTR/L, ATP, MN-AS, ECHM - Presented on conditions in which JACO Robotic Arm is most helpful, caregiver support, utilization process, and JACO alternatives.

Public Comment

Ron Borgschulte – provided public comment with an update about the patient that was portrayed in the video shared, discussed video trials and services that Partners in Med provides.

Council Discussion – included improvement in activities of daily living (ADLs), training needed to be sufficient in the device, how the process begins for obtainment and assessment, how this compares with improvements for ADLs compared to other Durable Medical Equipment, lifetime repairs, caregiver care, degenerative diagnosis, and medical and English literacy.

Conclusion + Adjournment

- Next meeting: JACO Robotic Arm discussion,
- A voice vote confirmed adjournment at 7:08 PM
- Next live meeting will be Wednesday February 14th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.