

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health

Meeting Notes, September 1, 2022 - 10am-1pm

Location:

WebEx Only Meeting Click here to join the meeting

In Attendance:

SAC Committee Members: Alison Wolbeck, Angie Schmitz, Anna Lynn, Ashwak Hassan, Barb Weckman-Brekke, Claire Courtney, Claudette Larson, Claudia Daml (Chair), Cynthie Christensen, Eric Grumdahl, Jennifer Springer, Ken Morman, Mary Kjolsing, Michael Trangle (Chair), Pa Kong Lee, Pastor Rozenia Fuller, Shanna Langston (17)

Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health Members: Corey Harland, Danna Trebesch-Brown, Donna Lekander, Dan Porter, Erin Marrone, Jeff Lind, Jennifer Bertram, Lisa Hoogheem (Chair), Maleenia Mohambir, Michael Gallagher, Nicole Frethem, Sarah Dunne, Success Suehne, Thomas Delaney (14)

DHS Support: Andrea Abel, Michelle Maruska, Samuel Nord (DHS), Amber Maki, Antonina Puente, Heather Prior, Julie Pearson, Kristine Preston, Liz Harri, Melissa Pitts, Shelley White, , Stacie Enders, Steven Wilson

Alliant Consulting: Lea (Facilitator), Tory (Notetaker), Toni Malanaphy-Sorg, (facilitator)

Absent

SAC Committee Members: Al Levin, Amanda Larson, Amy Jones, Beth Prewett, Brittany Wright, Dave Lee, Dave Lislegard, David Nathan, Ellie Miller, Erin Sutherland, Jode Freyholtz-London, Mandy Meisner, Rodney Peterson, (12)

Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health Members: Addyson Moore, BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya, Cecelia Hughes (Chair), Dave Johnson, Debra Peterson, Ed Morales, Holly Hanson, Kimberly Baker, Kimberly Stokes, Sarah Fuerst, Stephanie Podulke, (11)

Joint Meeting Agenda

- Welcome, Introduction, and Housekeeping Chair Dr. Michael Trangle, 10:00-10:10am
 - Welcome from new Chair Michael Trangle
 - Role of Alliant Consulting
 - Previously disruptive behavior that resulted in direct threats that were unsafe
 - Abbie was getting overwhelmed
 - Bottom line they needed to move things forward and keep the group safe
 - Alliant has helped keep things safe for everyone and more manpower
 - Their contract ends November 30th and DHS will be giving more support to ensure the committee is safe and efficient
 - Transition to more committee chairs leading and less Alliant Consulting facilitation so they are prepared for post-November 30
 - Agenda approval
 - Request to add state fair update, noted and included

- Agenda approved with 24 hands raised
- Respectful meeting guidelines
- The meeting is being recorded today
- Motion to approve August 4th notes from Maleenia Mohambir
 - Nicole Frethem seconds
 - Approved with 22 hands raised
 - Motion passed; notes approved
- Commitment/Land Acknowledgement Volunteer, 10:10-10:15am
 - Pastor Rozenia Fuller
- Member updates inviting members, 10:15-10:30am
 - State Fair Update
 - Dave Lee (not present) spearheaded this event and will send a letter summarizing the state fair day
 - Rozenia Fuller reports on her participation
 - invited people to join the advisory council
 - Enjoyed getting to see/know everyone in person
 - The governor and lieutenant governor attended as well
 - Shoutout to NAMI for their help
 - Thank you to Michael Trangle for being on stage
 - No rain this year
 - Great participation from exhibitors
 - Over 50 organizations there
 - First protestor ever
 - State fair staff handled that quite well
 - Most successful event yet
 - Thank you to all who participated
 - Governor proclamation
 - That day at the fair was proclaimed "Mental Health Day" at the fair
 - Other Member Updates
 - Claudia Daml: Attended Mental Health Legislative Network Event August 20th
 - Hosted by NAMI
 - They are working on developing bills for the legislature
 - Summary to be submitted for addition to minutes
 - 20 different organizations contributed to the event
- State Agency Updates State Agency Representatives, 10:30-10:50am
 - o DOC Holly Hanson, Shanna Langston
 - Working to support 988 line
 - Working to point out positive mental health within communities
 - Had to postpone recent session about going outside and workplace wellness
 - Nature is important to leverage in empowering children
 - Clinical spaces that include nature
 - Working to train barbers and hairdressers in African American Communities around mental health
 - MNThrives is a database where community members can add information about community mental health services to advance community supports
 - Not a place where someone goes to find an individual clinical resource
 - There are different resources for that

- Working to support children who have a parent incarcerated
- Injury and Violence Prevention Unit working with children with incarcerated parents as well
- Director of Behavioral Health Shanna Langston
 - She is the representative for the DOC
 - Recruiting providers for different kinds of addiction treatments
 - Working on helping individuals return to the community in the best way possible
- DHS Eric Grumdahl and Kristine Preston
 - Eric is new to this role, conveyed gratitude about this committee
 - Excited to help the committee with anything he may be able to support
 - Kristine Preston is the new deputy commissioner of children's behavioral health
 - Michael Trangle noted Eric's current pressure from the media
 - Kristine Preston from the office of the inspector general
 - Looking forward to continuing to engage
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 - Department will always work to keep you informed
 - Thank you for your time
- o MDH Anna Lynn, Sarah Dunne no report
- DEED Claire Courtney
 - DEED/VRS Updates: September 2022
 - Summer of Jobs Summit: A Snapshot of Our Collective Work, and Key Takeaways
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- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) /
 Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
- Welcome to the website for the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Question from Michael Trangle: If these positions are not filled are we going to be able to support everyone's behavioral health needs?

Response from Claire Courtney: These positions do not specifically tailor to a specific behavioral health needs

- MMB Brittany Wright
 - Not here today
- Other agencies: Housing, Public Safety, Commerce, etc.
 - Michael Trangle asks if we need someone here from housing and Eric Grumdahl responds that he is representing housing for DHS and is happy to connect with a specific housing representative for the council
 - Michael Trangle notes that the Federal Government did an analysis of parity between the health plans nationally to see if the companies are meeting parity between mental health and physical health and are working with the Department of Commerce to add enforcement provisions for mental health parity. Michael is working with Peter Brickwedde MN Commerce Assistant Commissioner of External Affairs and Government Relations
- Mental Health Legislative Network Updates Shannah Mulvihill/NAMI rep, 10:50-11:00am
 - No update. Michael Trangle explains that a replacement has been hired for previous NAMI representative and should be on board for next meeting
- RFP discussion and updates Tess Ryker RFP to Implement the Minnesota Model of School-Based Diversion for Students with Co-Occurring Disorder - 11:00 – 11:15am
 - o First round of interviews for a project manager brought up no suitable candidates
 - o They are revising the RFP and sending it back out

- The project manager will partner with the state to implement this model
- The project manager will partner with an evaluator to evaluate the effectiveness of the model and the effectiveness of the implementation of the model
- They are working towards less referrals to the juvenile justice system
- Minnesota Model:
 - They assist students who are more likely to be ticketed or picked up by student resource officers
 - They review school incidents
 - Keep students in school and out of the juvenile justice system
 - Additional school districts are joining
- Evaluating the model will allow for improvements that will help children
- Bylaws and voting discussion Michael Trangle 11:15 11:45am
 - Quorum = 50% of voting membership
 - Will be asking for those in support of motion, those opposed to the motion and those abstaining from the vote to keep accurate records and to ensure bylaws are being followed
 - Majority of voting members will carry the vote (30 total SAC members, 26 Subcommittee members = 56) quorum = 28, Majority = 29
 - It can be hard to determine how many people are actually on the meeting and actively voting
 - This came up because of discussion and vote regarding sending a letter to Jan Malcolm about concerns regarding a new mental health facility in downtown St. Paul
 - Some leaders thought it passed
 - Some leaders thought it didn't pass
 - Lately there have been joint meetings and online meetings
 - Mikki is going to send out a roster for people to correct their information and confirm open spots
 - The SAC/CMHS will move to hybrid meetings in October, with in-person attendance encouraged
 - Meetings will still be available online
 - Looking into budget and meeting options for in person meetings
 - Rozenia is happy there will still be hybrid options because COVID is still killing people and making people quite sick, as black people are dying at a higher rate and white people are in somewhat of a power position when they choose to not where a mask especially when Rozenia is wearing one
 - Michael Trangle: Everyone should use the remote option if they are even in the slightest feeling ill
 - Do we need 50% of both committees to approve a motion (SAC and MHAC)?
 - Some people unsure if they are supposed to vote; potential conflict of interest or because they
 are on the Subcommittee
- Michael references the following letter to Jan Malcolm Fairview/Acadia Proposal and highlights the key points.
 - The Minnesota State Advisory Council on Mental Health acknowledges the exigency for better access to inpatient beds across the state. We strongly encourage and support all endeavors to improve this situation. Such improvement include; the establishment of new programs and/or facilities, the expansion of existing programs and the activation of beds not currently in use. Our plea is for services which meet the needs of the people who require them most. Accordingly, the wisdom of the advisory council makes the following recommendations;
 - The conducive physical environment is very important for effective therapy including areas for privacy, natural lighting, safe and accessible outdoor spaces, and areas for a variety of therapies.

- Beds are needed for clients who are publicly funded. Over 50% of psychiatric care is paid for by Medicare/MA/ Mn Care etc. Patients with mental illness are the most ill and many times have the least resources. Therefore long-term funding is needed to ensure ample numbers beds are available to fit the needs of the day.
- The program staffing should reflect the diversity of the populations served as well as meet the
 community standard for the mix of professionals such as Psychiatrists, Physicians, Psychologists,
 Mid-level Practitioners, Nurses, Therapists, etc to meet the needs of the patients. Many patients
 with mental illness have complex medical problems that need to be addressed.
- Access to care needs to be efficient and streamlined. The goal should be to have as many services
 as possible available at one location. One of the weaknesses in our current system is the need to
 transfer patients between facilities to secure a bed or provide medical care when needed. A 24hour entry point (Emergency Room) is necessary to provide patient access.
- o The facility would not be eligible for Medicaid MA Reimbursement
 - Fairview and Acadia say this will not affect accessibility
- o Accessibility could be challenging with Acadia being a for-profit industry
 - Acadia would own 85% of the partnership
 - M Health Fairview would own 15% of the partnership
- The staffing make-up of the facility would be mid-level practitioners
 - It is being advertised at top-level caregivers
- o No 24-hour emergency room
 - Patients would be transferred to this hospital
 - Transferring patients is quite a challenge
- Allison Wolbeck moves to Approve the letter
- Claudia Daml seconds the motion and Chair Trangle invites discussion. None offered.
 - Vote (State Advisory Council on Mental Health)
 - For: 11
 - Abstentions: 4
 - Against: 0
 - Eric Grumdahl noted that the Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health may not technically have a vote on this
 - Michael Trangle: Will research
 - This proposal is only for adults and veterans with geriatric health
 - The only reason this would be relevant is because some adult facilities take children 16+
 - o Some people in these beds are parents which does affect the children indirectly
 - Institute of mental disease are not eligible for reimbursements from Medicaid or MN assistance fund
- 2022 Governor & Legislature Report Planning 11:45 am 12:30 pm
 - Review of Sections Not Finalized
 - Michael Trangle raises concern about not meeting the deadline
 - Rozenia proposes giving work groups a deadline (one day) and vote today on what we have - You get one day to respond and vote
 - Dr. B has approved it and now minor errors are being combed through
 - Claudia Daml moves to vote on document with typos in it
 - Mary Kjolsing seconds.
 - Discussion is invited. None offered.
 - Vote (State Advisory Council members)
 - For: 11

Abstentions: 4

Against: 0

- Vote (Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health members)
 - For: 8

Abstentions: 2Against: 0

- Voting to approve sections not finalized, (Mental Health in the Schools and Recovery Supports)
 - Significant discussion in regard to bylaws of the workgroup, results in acceptance of the current vote of approval and next steps to seek legal guidance on the topic of the voting relationship between the State Advisory Council and Children's Subcommittee on Mental Health.
- The group reviews highlights of the Executive Summary which includes the following
 - Workforce development through enhanced Cultural and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure Grant (CEMIG) program
 - Data and accountability
 - o Increase access to student loan forgiveness
 - Continue to support community of practice and community-based wellness resources
 - Leverage existing federal Medicaid funding to expand Individualized Education Program and Individualized Family Service Plan (IEP/IFSP) for school-based mental health services.
 - o Permanent per pupil allocation for specialized instructional support personnel and training
 - Telehealth access for Minnesota students
 - o Parity law
 - Improve DHS grant-making outreach
 - Collaborative care model
 - Update Minnesota Statutes 245.466 and 245.4875 pertaining to Local Advisory Councils
 - Elimination of mandatory life without parole for juveniles and reduction of children being treated as teenagers
 - Mental Health Services and Centralized Data Collection System for Juvenile Justice System
 - Expand Access to Wraparound through the System of Care Initiative
 - Expand family peer support opportunities
 - Grow family support in schools
 - Build Community Initiated Care to support young people and families
 - Creation of one Minnesota board responsible for curriculum, certification and support of all Peer
 Support training, reporting, CEU management and quality compliance
 - Increase access to affordable housing across Minnesota
 - Increase employment support for individuals with mental health barriers to employment
- Mary Kjolsing moves to accept executive summary content
- Claudia Daml seconds
 - Vote (SACMH)

For: 11

Abstentions: 2

■ Against: 0

- Vote (SCMH)
 - For: 9

Abstentions: 1

Against: 0

Jointly approved

- Workgroup update, Chairs of Workgroups 12:30pm-12:40pm
 - Mary Kjosling will be taking over as Chair of the Parity Workgroup
 - Amy Jones will be taking over as Chair of the Mental Health and Schools Workgroup
 - They have secured speakers to come to their September meeting
 - Project AWARE is joining their October meeting
 - Family Systems Prevention, Intervention and Supports Anna Lynn (not present)
 - Integrated Care and Access Mary Kjolsing
 - New chair of work group
 - Discussing issues of concern
 - Discussed the letter that is being sent to Jan Malcolm
 - o Local Advisory Councils Rozenia Fuller
 - No update
 - Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Amy Jones
 - No update
 - Outreach to Diverse Communities Dr. Bravada (not present)
 - Member reported that at the last meeting they fine-tuned the recommendations
 - Recovery Supports Angle Schmitz
 - They meet September 28th from 3-4 and welcome anyone to join them
- Children's Summit Action Plan updates Lisa Hoogheem, 12:40 12:45pm
 - Explored gaps in Minnesota's current continuum of care
 - Identified new approaches to build the road to health and resiliency for children
 - Created immediate, actionable solutions for the urgent problems facing the behavioral health system of care for Minnesota's young people
 - Found solutions that will help assure all children have access to behavioral health care at a level of care appropriate for their needs.
 - o Info about the Children's Summit and the final report is available online
 - Next steps for Council/Subcommittee
- They are working to support Minnesotans with their mental health and hopefully make their lives better (paraphrased from Michael Trangle)
- Membership Updates: Mikki Maruska, 12:45-12:50pm
 - o Membership renewals, Postings
 - Updated lists of both councils and member terms and sending to all to correct personal information. Will confirm open seats, update the webpage and update efforts to fill open seats
- Other announcements, next steps and closing Alliant Consulting Facilitator, 12:50-1:00pm
 - Future meeting attendance options: hybrid, in-person and web attendance will be receiving information as details are finalized
 - Michael updates on Governor's agreement for in person presentation of legislative report; in process of coordinating that event
 - Next Meeting 10/6/2022, 10am-1pm, location and directions for hybrid to be provided
 - Submit your workgroup meeting notes to <u>mhadvisory.council.dhs@state.mn.us</u> by end of day 9/16/2022
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Next Meeting:

Date: October 6, 2022 Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Location: Location to be announced and WebEx (Hybrid)

Request:

Submit written updates from your Agency/Organization/Community about current mental health activities by 9am on the day of Council and Subcommittee meetings. These written updates will be included in meeting minutes.

Respectful Meeting Guidelines:

Verbal interruptions during the meeting are not allowed. Please utilize the chat function and "raise hand" feature to engage in the discussion. Appointed members of the Council and Subcommittee will be acknowledged to speak. Open and respectful dialogue is highly encouraged. Fighting words, obscene speech, and true threats are absolutely prohibited. Persons who engage in such prohibited conduct will be given a warning; if the conduct continues, the chat feature will be disabled and/or the person will be removed from the meeting. By remaining in the meeting by WebEx or phone, you are agreeing to follow these guidelines.

Land Acknowledgement and Declaration of Commitment

We, the members of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health, acknowledge that the wealth of this country was built on stolen land and with enslaved and underpaid labor of African American, Native American, and Immigrant people. We acknowledge that the recent global uprising, which was sparked by the murder of George Floyd here in Minnesota, paired with the COVID-19 pandemic, makes for a time of profound uncertainty, shame, fear, and distrust. We also recognize that despite those feelings, we all must actively challenge the impact of our own implicit biases and how they may influence our decisions as individuals and leaders.

Furthermore, we recognize that racism also expresses itself in policies and practices that either target or erase BIPOC communities and erect barriers to their prosperity. Therefore, we pledge to be vigilant in monitoring the formulation of policies and practices that produce harm to vulnerable populations. We also commit to being open to other people's truths as we acknowledge the resilience, creativity and generosity of the human spirit and we hold firmly to a persistence of Hope.

With these issues in mind, we commit to dismantling systemic and structural racism by initiating and supporting policies, practices, and the allocation of resources that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and shared power.

CHAT

[8:55 AM] Maruska, Michele K (DHS): Good Morning! We will get started at ten am.

[9:07 AM] Alison Wolbeck: I do not see anything on screen

[9:09 AM] Claudia Daml: raise hand to vote -- not thumbs as the thumb disappears

[9:16 AM] Cynthie Christensen (Guest): I am unable to raise my hand.

[9:17 AM] Jeff Lind (Guest): How mant total members do we have?

[9:17 AM] Bittner-Eddy, Lea E (DHS): Cynthie I can see your hand raised

[9:18 AM] Cynthie Christensen (Guest): Thanks for that feedback, Lea.

[9:18 AM] Bittner-Eddy, Lea E (DHS): Thank you for your votes. You can now lower your hand by selecting the raise hand button again.

[9:22 AM] Claudia Daml: great to hear the fair went well!

[9:29 AM] Enders, Stacie M (DHS): I saw a private vendor offering assistance with hoarding and clean up

[9:32 AM] Alison Wolbeck: Please define acronyms.

[9:32 AM] Delaney, Thomas (MDE):

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[9:33 AM] Langston, Shanna (DOC): Claudia - if Lauren isn't here, I can provide an update for the DOC.

like 2

[9:40 AM] Dunne, Sarah (MDH): I don't have any additional updates from MDH other than what Anna has stated. Thanks.

[9:41 AM] Claudia Daml: okay thanks Sarah

[9:42 AM] Courtney, Claire (DEED):

DEED/VRS Updates: September 2022

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[9:45 AM] Nord, Samuel B (DHS)

I need to step away for 5 or so minutes I will be right back

[9:46 AM] Claudia Daml

Everyone feel free to raise your hand if you have a question for the speaker.

[9:50 AM] Nord, Samuel B (DHS): I am back [9:50 AM] Maruska, Michele K (DHS): thanks:)

[9:53 AM] Preston, Kristine R (DHS): Thank you for letting me join you today and allowing me time to introduce myself. I have to jump off for another meeting, but look forward to working with you in the future!

like 1

[9:59 AM] Claudia Daml: thank you Tess

[10:01 AM] Success Suehne (Invitado): Are we always going to be referred to by our last names?

[10:01 AM] Maruska, Michele K (DHS): No my apologies Success

[10:02 AM] Success Suehne (Invitado): No worries, Thanks!

[10:04 AM] Jeff Lind (Guest): At what point will be back in person? once we get back in person managing the meeting and votes will be much easier.

[10:06 AM] Success Suehne (Invitado): Are the meetings still going to be available online with an inperson option? Or solely in person?

[10:07 AM] Lynn, Anna (MDH): Could we use a different mechanism for voting? Perhaps instead of hands, we can list in the chat a 1 for yes, 2 for no AND a letter or word for whether we are on the subcommittee or council?

[10:07 AM] Delaney, Thomas (MDE) There's a polling function in Teams, if that's helpful: https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/create-a-poll-in-teams-3162720d-dfee-4ce2-ae65-4dbbbb6a7827

like 2

[10:08AM] Angie (Guest): Create a poll in Teams

[10:08 AM] Alison Wolbeck: I prefer in person meetings. I feel so disconnected meeting remotely.

[10:09 AM] Lynn, Anna (MDH): The poll is nice because it automatically tallies.

like 2

[10:09 AM] Claudia Daml: Regarding in person meetings. We are looking into logistics surrounding this, space, staffing, etc.

[10:09 AM] Courtney, Claire (DEED) It doesn't look like the section for Recovery Supports in the report we are reviewing today is an up to date version. Are you going to address that today when the Council is to approve the report draft?

[10:10 AM] Claudia Daml: I agree that in person is the gold standard but allowing a hybrid would be great for inclusivity and allowing as many to participate as possible. *like 2*

[10:10 AM] Success Suehne (Invitado): ^| agree

[10:12 AM] Claudia Daml: thank you everyone for your patience where we manage some logistical changes of how to manage meetings, structure, etc.

[10:13 AM] Dunne, Sarah (MDH): Quick question... because it's different for different groups. Do state agency folks participate in voting for these meetings?

[10:13 AM] Frethem, Nicole J: There is a free tool that I've used called poll anywhere

[10:13 AM] Grumdahl, Eric I (DHS)

Dunne, Sarah (MDH) "Quick question... because it's different for different groups. Do state agency folks participate in voting for these meetings?"

Defined in statute, Sarah.

[10:13 AM] Grumdahl, Eric I (DHS): Sec. 245.697 MN Statutes, Sec. 245.697 MN Statutes [10:15 AM] Delaney, Thomas (MDE): In-person in metro area always, or other locations around the state? Our state's tribal communities have great facilities for holding meetings, and they are more accessible to not only tribal communities, counties and schools in and around those communities, and

our rural communities and partners in many places around the state. A great way to improve those relationships with outstate Minnesota and our tribal communities, improve accessibility, and get in closer touch with rural and tribal community concerns, assets and strengths. Just a thought for pondering.

[10:15 AM] Alison Wolbeck: Since we are two separate groups we need a quorum in both groups. With a majority in both groups.

[10:16 AM] Dunne, Sarah (MDH)

Grumdahl, Eric I (DHS): Defined in statute, Sarah.

thanks, Eric... just clarifying, so those members defined in the statute (under the state advisory committee and the subcommittee) would vote?

[10:16 AM] Maleenia Mohabir: Should we also be asking for people to identify that they are abstaining form voting for clarity?

[10:17 AM] Delaney, Thomas (MDE): Dunne, Sarah (MDH) I've always understood that we state agency reps are "ex officio" and not supposed to vote.

[10:18 AM] Ashwak Hassan: Me too

[10:18 AM] Courtney, Claire (DEED): Historically state agency reps have voted. Often state agency reps will abstain on matters related to state agency or the Governor's budget.

[10:19 AM] Langston, Shanna (DOC): I know last meeting there was a mention of some orientation materials to this committee. I don't believe I received those when I joined, so I would appreciate those materials, as that might help clarify some of these pieces. *like 1*

[10:20 AM] Pa Kong Lee: I know last meeting there was a mention of some orientation materials to this committee. I don't believe I received those when I joined, so I would appreciate those materials, as that might help clarify...

[10:21 AM] Maruska, Michele K (DHS): I will get those to you today

[10:21 AM] Ashwak Hassan: Yes can I have the orientation material

[10:22 AM] Maruska, Michele K (DHS): Yes 🙂

[10:22 AM] Ashwak Hassan: Thank you so much

[10:22 AM] Maleenia Mohabir: Thank you Pastor Rozenia, for bringing that important point. Hope your family is well soon. I agree with the hybrid option for greater inclusion on many levels. *like 2*

[10:22 AM] Grumdahl, Eric I (DHS): Thank you for voicing those concerns Pastor Rozenia. *like 4*

[10:28 AM] Lynn, Anna (MDH): MDH staff are thinking we should abstain from this vote, since it is a letter to our commissioner. Is there a standard for that we should know about? like 2

[10:30 AM] Lynn, Anna (MDH): ok

[10:31 AM] Courtney, Claire (DEED): Lynn, Anna (MDH) I agree with you that you would abstain. I would do the same if it was a letter to my Commissioner.

[10:32 AM] Alison Wolbeck: Legally he is correct

like 1

[10:33 AM] Delaney, Thomas (MDE)I will also abstain until I get clarification on whether or not state agency reps in 245.697 Subd. 2(a) are to function as non-voting ex-officio members. The understanding at MDE has b: een ex-officio, non-voting.

like 2

[10:33 AM] Frethem, Nicole J: Can someone explain how this hospital proposal impacts children's mental? If it's not a direct impact, I don't know why we would be involved in advising the full advisory council

[10:34 AM] Bittner-Eddy, Lea E (DHS): There is a further slide to share with members

[10:35 AM] Nord, Samuel B (DHS): I had to step away for a phone call but I am back and can move the slides again if needed

[10:35 AM] Bittner-Eddy, Lea E (DHS): Sam can you go the next slide to show main points pls?

[10:40 AM] Jeff Lind (Guest): This vote will not include the Subcommittee correct???

[10:42 AM] Lynn, Anna (MDH): I'm abstaining, per the above discussion.

[10:42 AM] Frethem, Nicole J: This is very confusing. Why would the advisory council be taking a vote at the subcommittee meeting?

[10:43 AM] Weckman Brekke, Barb: I voted yes, but I need to leave the meeting momentarily for another commitment.

[10:43 AM] Maleenia Mohabir: Can the bylaws be sent out to all SAC and Subcommittee members so we can have time to review and perhaps submit questions about voting ahead of the next meeting? *like 1*

[10:43 AM] Grumdahl, Eric I (DHS): Four abstentions. I also abstain.

[10:44 AM] Langston, Shanna (DOC): I am abstaining as well per Tom's comment above.

[10:44 AM] Grumdahl, Eric I (DHS): You could call out abstentions separately, just like no votes.

[10:46 AM] mary kjolsing (Guest): Thank you all for your support!!!!

[10:46 AM] Claudia Daml: this will go more smoothly in the future

[10:48 AM] Alison Wolbeck: The LAC section last sent out did not have the fiscal ask attached.

[10:48 AM] Courtney, Claire (DEED): I don't believe the draft sent out for review included the updated Recovery Supports section.

[10:52 AM] Claudia Daml: I do not want to miss our ability to publish because it is not done.

[10:57 AM] Alison Wolbeck: With Friday being the start of the weekend. People may not be connected to email for voting tomorrow.

[11:04 AM] Delaney, Thomas (MDE): Brb

[11:05 AM] Jeff Lind (Guest): who will be voting on this motion?

[11:05 AM] Claudia Daml: this would be the full body

[11:07 AM] Bertram, Jennifer: Jennifer Bertram is here. Had to step away for a second like 1

[11:08 AM] Marrone, Erin C: Erin Marrone - subcommittee member (not sure if I was called, had a call)

[11:13 AM] mary kjolsing (Guest):what happens if there are not still 19 vgotring members of the council still on the meeting?

like 1

[11:14 AM] mary kjolsing (Guest): voting

[11:14 AM] mary kiolsing (Guest): I think that Tom has abstained for both groups

like 2

[11:15 AM] Ashwak Hassan: I am confused

[11:15 AM] Alison Wolbeck: Why isn't everyone participating?

like 1

[11:16 AM] Claudia Daml: its a problem if we do not even know they are really present

[11:16 AM] Alison Wolbeck: True

[11:16 AM] Gallagher, Michael J (DHS): Can we do a true roll call vote? Call their name and ask for a response?

like 2

[11:16 AM] Alison Wolbeck: Roll call vote?

[11:16 AM] Maleenia Mohabir: For previous recs we voted differently - should we be holding the same standard here for constancy?

[11:20 AM] Harland, Corey J: I have to step away for another meeting. Thank you and see you all next month.

like 1

[11:24 AM] Jennifer Springer: Thank you for that clarification and reminder, Grumdahl, Eric I (DHS) like 1

[11:38 AM] Lynn, Anna (MDH): brb

[11:39 AM] Jeff Lind (Guest): This is Jeff Lind have to leave the meeting

[11:48 AM] Lynn, Anna (MDH): i'm back

[11:50 AM] Pa Kong Lee: Thanks everyone for today meeting. I have to hop off. See everyone at the next meeting.

[11:50 AM] Langston, Shanna (DOC): I need to log off also. Take care everyone!

[11:52 AM] Bertram, Jennifer: You can as a private citizen who is concerned about mental health