



**Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness  
Council Meeting**

December 14, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. via GoToWebinar

**Minutes**

1. Welcome, land acknowledgement, and introductions  
Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan started the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

**Council Members present:** Commissioner Harpstead, Department of Human Services (DHS); Commissioner Herke, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA); Commissioner Ho, Minnesota Housing (MHFA); Commissioner Malcolm, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH); Commissioner Mueller, Minnesota Department of Education (MDE); Commissioner Olson, Office of Higher Education (OEH); Commissioner Schowalter, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB);

**Designees Present:** Assistant Commissioner Scott Buetel, Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR); Director Darielle Dannen, Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); Assistant Commissioner Jay Hietpas, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT); Assistant Commissioner Mary Manning, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH); Director Jenny Moses, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB); Deputy Commissioner Cassandra O’Hern, Department of Public Safety; Deputy Commissioner Curtis Shanklin, Department of Corrections (DOC) Director Audel Shokohzadh, Minnesota Department of Revenue (MDOR); Director Terri Smith, Metropolitan Council (MetC)

**Guests:** Cathy ten Broeke, Mary Rieger-Soyring, Elizabeth Dressel and Sue Hite-Kirk, Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness (MICH); Rosalee Abrams Carter, Michael Giovanis, Jeweleen Jackson, Marlana Jasch, Milton Manning, Desmond McCloud, Jacinta Moss, Jason Persons and Nina Vongpheth Consultants; Tammy Moreland, Mille Lacs Band, Jennifer Prins, River Valley Continuum of Care

In keeping with the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, guests are welcome. In the interest of time, attendees (48) were not identified in these minutes. However, an attendee report is on file.

2. Update on [justice strategic plan \(phase 2\)](#)
3. Discussion on strategy development

***Council members and consultants shared their reflections on the initial work on strategy development for each agency. (Agencies provided narratives prior to the meeting which were summarized by Council members. Agency narratives are saved to file. Below are additional consultant responses and reflections.)***

- Much going on at MN Housing! Appreciated discussion about cultural competency training, risk vs opportunity, and removing barriers, interagency work
- Working with MetC has been fantastic, a lot of thinking outside the box; having a system of power acknowledge that power sharing is important; amazed at how quickly state government is working in this process  
have not met with MDHR but excited to meet with Scott and asking bold questions about discrimination with regards to homelessness
- MnDOT meetings have had a great start; looking forward to upcoming meetings.
- MDE and Children’s Cabinet meetings modeling interagency work; please with how much is already in place and look forward to finding path to continue the work
- First OHE meeting held today; has opportunity to be a resource to other agencies and reduce barriers
- DOC meetings addressed partnership with stakeholders; what does stability look like; getting communities involved and focusing on needed resources
- DEED meetings involved a lot of brainstorming and ideas of intersection with other agencies; community services with community centers for people with lived experience
- Has been an honor to work with MDVA, especially on issues related to work
- MMB/MDE meetings will be robust with meetings every two weeks; recognizes that MMB is a great resource to other agencies as a bridge builder and accountability holder; aware that more intersectionality needs to happen; need for more diversity within the agency (and Council) to help reshape the State’s work
- DPS OJT meetings have met and will continue; discussed more legal advocacy, better shelter worker wages, etc., and need for interagency collaboration
- MDOR meetings established a really good baseline; impressed that everyone is on the same page; feel that the agency is really listening!
- MDH initial meetings included a lot of data; looking forward to additional meetings
- DHS meeting highlight was more leniency with background checks for people with substance abuse

4. Closing remarks and adjourn

- a. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Memorial March and Service Thursday, December 15
- b. Lt. Governor Flanagan shared that doing this work in partnership with people with lived experience has never happened before and it is important for us to realize that. Give ourselves grace as we navigate through. We are committed to this work, to each other, and are working to break down as many silos as possible. The results of this plan will be part of our collective legacy. This plan will drive our collective work and budget and policy priorities.
- c. Risks vs Opportunities
- d. Show up

e. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.