

AMC Human Services Redesign Liaison Group

Purpose:

- 1) To provide guidance to AMC staff on the implementation of the Human Services State-County Results Accountability Redesign;
- 2) To share information among AMC, MACSSA, and DHS about the Human Services Redesign activities;
- 3) To gather information from AMC, MACSSA, other affiliated organizations, and counties in each AMC district on ways to achieve the goals of the Human Services Redesign;
- 4) To submit recommendations for decisions to the HHS Policy Committee and Board when necessary regarding policy issues related to the Human Services Redesign.

Background:

The 2009 legislature passed provisions intended to achieve a more efficient and effective human services delivery system for the entire state. AMC supported this language as an alternative to the governor's proposal to create fifteen regional human service authorities. The legislation as passed is consistent with the AMC Redesign principles of Governance, Flexibility, and Transparency.

Key Elements of the Human Services Redesign:

- Creates a process and three-year timeline to develop statewide performance measures across all human service program areas. Counties, DHS, and advocacy organizations serve on a steering committee to identify/develop these measures. All counties will be required to meet these performance measures.
- Establishes a timetable for counties to develop improvement plans and remedies for counties that do not meet performance standards.
- Authorizes a variety of local service delivery models (Service Delivery Authorities or SDAs) to enhance counties' ability to provide efficient and effective services.
- Creates a council of county, DHS, and legislative representatives to advise the Minnesota Commissioner of Human Services regarding Service Delivery Authorities, provide input on best practices for service delivery, and recommend waivers from mandates to foster innovation and improved results.
- This legislation allows counties to utilize already existing models of community partnerships, build on innovations, and streamline the system to best serve communities, clients, and taxpayers.

Membership:

The group will consist of 16-20 members, including county commissioners, human services directors, and county administrators/coordinators, and members at large. At least one member will be selected from each AMC district. The AMC HHSPC chair will serve as the chair of the group. AMC Executive Board will receive notice of meetings and are invited to attend.