

State-County Results –Accountability Redesign Council
February 12, 2010
Meeting Notes

Members Present:

Representative Jim Abeler, Anoka
Don Allen, DHS
Alex Bartolic, DHS
Senator Linda Berglin, Minneapolis
Commissioner Jan Callison, Hennepin
Mary Fischer, Pipestone & Nobles Counties
Kelly Harder, Steele County
Chuck Johnson, DHS Assistant Commissioner (Co-Chair)
Representative Diane Loeffler, Minneapolis
Mark McAfee, AFSCME 9 (ex-officio)
Lynne Singelmann, DHS
Commissioner Kevin Vickerman, Murray County (Co-Chair)

Alternates Present :

Commissioner Chuck Amunrud, Fillmore County (via phone)

Jay Kieft, Kandiyohi

Absent:

Brian Aldes, Teamsters (ex-officio)
Senator Julie Rosen, Fairmont
Mary Sheehan, Chisago County (alternate)

Staff:

Patricia Coldwell, AMC
Kate Lerner, MACSSA
Jim Mulder, AMC
Eric Ratzmann, MACSSA

1. **Introductions:** Chair Vickerman called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Chair stated this was an organizing meeting of the group to discuss legislation that passed and the purpose of the State-County Results Accountability Council (aka, Council).
2. **Background:** Patricia Coldwell gave an overview of the legislation that passed in 2010, principles behind the legislation, and purpose of the Council, as well as the Steering Committee on Performance and Outcome Reforms (aka, Performance Steering Committee). (see ~~p~~ower point). The Council is to serve as a forum to hear proposals to

improve human services delivery via innovation or structural changes among counties, and to recommend to the DHS commissioner formation of Service Delivery Authorities (SDAs).

3. **Charge for Council:** Chair Vickerman reviewed charge for the Council. Eric Ratzmann outlined changes to the legislation negotiated between counties and the Department. These are intended to make the legislation easier to implement and counties would be bringing these forward this session. They include timing of the performance measures and SDA approval, clarification of the commissioner's authority to waive state statute and rule and apply for federal waivers, and streamlining the process to bring proposals to form SDAs to the Council.
4. **Examples of Innovative Local Projects for Council Review:** Cindy Rupp, Washington County, and Jim Behrends, Olmsted County, reviewed the Chemical Dependency Pilot as an example of an innovation that could be brought before the Council (see Power Point) Kelly Harder described proposals being developed by southeastern Minnesota counties (MACSSA Region X) to share services and combine staffing in several areas, including child care licensing, child support services, chemical dependency services, long term care estate planning, and mental health centers. Commissioner Callison shared that Hennepin is beginning dialog about developing proposals.

Comments/discussion:

- Importance of allowing local innovation/flexibility
- Fewer dollars, may need to consolidate functions
- May save \$ in other parts of state budgets (e.g. CD and law enforcement)
- Clarification requested on whether this is about service redesign or structure or both
- Authority to waive state law is troublesome (DHS clarified that this comes from existing law and explicitly applies it to this process)
- Authority to waive federal law is a more complex proposition than state law or rule (e.g. importance to feds of statewide access)
- Potential for exceptions related to time and distance for rural areas
- Concern re: time frames—too long—can we do this in shorter steps?
- This appears more workable than governor's proposal for 15 entities
- Innovation should guide what will eventually become standardized
- Use of technology has potential to increase efficiency (e.g. skype-based therapy)

5. **Template for SDA Proposals:** Discussion re: how to solicit and review proposals: discussion on how to get started, what elements should be included in a template. Possibilities (some specified in statute):

- Scope of services over which the SDA will have authority
- Specific populations to be served
- Eligibility criteria
- Waivers to be requested by the SDA

- Administrative structure to oversee
- Resources necessary
- Remedies to be employed by commissioner if commitments are not met
- Ways to manage staff work (DHS)
- Perhaps 'batch' proposals so reviewed twice a year or so
- Perhaps limit the number that can be approved
- What report back to legislature on progress?
- Is this a 2-step process? (e.g. pre-proposal to Council then approval process when fully developed—not consensus on this) what is the most efficient way to proceed?

Agreed AMC/MACSSA staff to work with a couple of committee members (Kelly Harder and Chuck Johnson) to develop boiler plate application format. This could include:

- What's the current system
- What's not working
- What are the agreed-on goals
- What are the ~~critieria~~ criteria for review

6. **Rules of Engagement:** Brief discussion of need for a charter/bylaws for the group. Shared the charter developed by the Performance Steering Committee which includes:

- Purpose
- Membership
- Responsibilities
- Governance/decision-making guidelines
- Meeting schedule
- Distribution of materials

Also need to agree on process for soliciting public input. Agreed AMC/MACSSA staff, with assistance for a couple committee members, would draft a charter for review by full group.

7. **Next Meeting:**

Discussed future meeting dates. Important to keep this moving. However, difficult to find a time to meet during session. Could some work be conducted by phone conference or e-mail? Questions re: open meeting law—DHS/AMC to investigate this. Agreed subgroups should complete their assignments and forward to committee for review, then assess possibility of meeting before May/June.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Deliverables before next meeting:

- Boiler plate application template (to be forward to Council for review): AMC/MACSSA staff, Chuck Johnson, Kelly Harder
- Proposed bylaws/charter (to be forwarded to Council for review): AMC/MACSSA staff with assistance from 2 committee members

- Clarification of open meeting law: DHS/AMC
- E-mail power point presentation to committee members