



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Steering Committee on Performance and Outcome Reforms

Quarterly Report: July – September 2009

This report fulfills the requirements of Minnesota Statute, section 402A.15, subdivision 1 (f).

The Steering Committee on Performance and Outcome Reforms (steering committee) is a legislatively mandated committee convened to establish a list of essential human services (mandated by federal or state government) and to establish minimum outcome standards for those services and develop a uniform data collection and review process. Authorizing statute is Minn. Stat. §402A.15.

The steering committee convened its first meeting on July 8, 2009, within the statutorily required time frame to convene within 60 days of May 15, 2009.

Members appointed by their respective bodies to represent the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA) are Ramsey county commissioner Toni Carter, Polk county commissioner William Montague, Kittson county director Kathy Johnson and Scott county deputy director Judith Brumfield. The commissioner of human services appointed Assistant Commissioner Tim Wilkin as his designee to the committee. Subsequent to Tim Wilkin leaving the department, Commissioner Ludeman appointed Assistant Commissioner Chuck Johnson as his designee. Other DHS representatives include Lynne Singelmann and Matt Hughes. The commissioner also appointed the following client advocate representatives: Colleen Wieck, director of the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities; Heidi Holste, associate state director – advocacy for AARP; and Michelle Basham, executive director of Genesis II for Families. Toni Carter and Commissioner Ludeman's designee will serve as co-chairs and will alternate convening the meetings.

Three meetings were held during this quarter: July 8, August 27 and September 30. The committee established several operational principles which will provide the framework for the work ahead. The committee is statutorily charged with the following tasks:

- Agree on a list of essential human services (due 11/01/2009)
- Establish a 3-year work plan schedule (due 12/15/09)
- Develop recommendations to the legislature for a uniform accountability process for responding to a county or service delivery authority's failure to make adequate progress (02/15/10)
- Report annually to the governor and human service legislative committees on any recommendations, including any statutory provisions, rules, requirements or reports that should be repealed or eliminated (first report due 01/15/11)
- Develop recommendations for a uniform process to establish, review, and report performance and outcome standards for all essential human services (due 12/15/2012)

To date, the committee has convened committee subgroups to develop a committee charter, develop a common glossary of terms, develop a work plan and report on options to address the remedies requirement. The committee has had a high level overview of current performance measures and systems, including county, federal and state examples. More education for committee members will be scheduled.

Official committee actions during this quarter are as follows:

- Essential/mandated services list adopted (09/30/09)

Meetings are currently being convened approximately monthly.