



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Steering Committee on Performance and Outcome Reforms

Quarterly Report: October – December
2009

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

Purpose

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.

Activity this quarter

The steering committee convened two meetings – November 4, and December 3. Committee subgroup work continued on the charter, glossary, work plan and performance failure remedies. The glossary was informally accepted and will be edited as work progresses. Educational opportunities included two presentations on performance measurement. Dakota county presented on their performance management system and DHS presented on child welfare performance measurement and reviews.

Official committee actions during this quarter are as follows:

- Committee charter adopted (11/04/09)
- Work plan schedule approved (12/03/09)

The 2010 meeting schedule was tentatively set to coincide with the dates of the monthly MACSAA general meeting schedule.

Committee deliverables (2009 – 2012)

- ✓ Agree on a list of essential human services (due 11/01/2009; adopted 09/30/09)
- ✓ Establish a 3-year work plan schedule (due 12/15/09; approved 12/03/09)
- 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committees on any recommendations, including any statutory provisions, rules, requirements or reports that should be repealed or eliminated (first report due 01/15/11)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)

Membership*

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) representatives: Toni Carter, Ramsey county commissioner; William Montague, Polk county commissioner

Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA) representatives: Judith Brumfield, Scott county deputy director; Kathy Johnson, Kittson county director

Department of Human Services representatives: Chuck Johnson, Assistant Commissioner; Lynne Singelmann; Matt Hughes

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.

*Chuck Johnson and Toni Carter co-chair the committee.