Local Advisory Council (LAC) – North

St. Louis County

5/15/2024

**Present**: Tod Swenson, Lacy Podlogar, Brenda Shafer-Pellinen, Jennifer Rich, Linda O’Neil Deremee, Arielle Trevena, Colleen Davern

**Absent:**, , Joseph Laufeia, Blair Smith, Macy Viita

1. April minutes were approved.
2. Tod read the LAC values.
3. Opening discussion question: Todd asked what everyone feels their best work achievements are.
4. **Finalizing recommendations** were sent out to members for review. Todd asked if anyone had any changes. The group agreed that they are fine the way they were presented. approved by Tod to approve, seconded by Colleen and Jen. All said “I”
5. **Membership** – Melanie reached out to the 30 applicants, that were not selected in 2023. Out of 30, 9 are still interested. We have 4 openings currently. Tod shared that out of the 9, he would say yes to 2 of them. Tod’s suggestions are Katie Maughlin and Katie Finch. Colleen asked if there are any categories that we need to fill , that are currently not covered with the current members. Brenda asked if we should have any individuals that are here ONLY with lived experience, not professionally . Melanie forwarded all of the 9 applicants to the LAC members. Tod asked for them to take a look, and send their top few picks to Melanie. If they do not find any that they would like to include, it is fine to not send any. We can pick up to 5 candidates. If we do not have enough, we can get some with the open application process happening this spring. We can extend an invitation to any applicants that we pick in August.
6. **The Northern St. Louis County LAC forum and Volunteer Expo** was the name chosen for our forum in October of 2024. There was a discussion about who will be tabling at the forum

* Who would we be inviting to this? Send invite to Ciera and Lora at Fairview. Range non- profit groups. Brenda will talk to the group about who will want to table.
* What will we be doing? Covering topic of Social Isolation that was addressed during this last LAC session. Fill 8 tables with non-profit volunteer service providers.
* Where – Mt Iron Community Center. Jen will reserve the room. Colleen will set up the Invite on Eventbrite. Lacy will set it up the flyer for the event
* Why? To foster connection with those who are isolated.
* Discussion who will be a speaker for the forum. There was a suggestion by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Have anyone who would like to table contact Jen.
* October 3rd was discussed for next forum, from 5-7. There will be one speaker and time after for tables to talk with attendees.

1. Todd asked for all the takeaways from tonight’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00