

Minnesota Department of Human Services

Notice of public meetings and comment period for child protection grants to address child welfare disparities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Minnesota Statute, 256E.28, the Commissioner is requesting input from the legislative task force on child protection; culturally based community organizations; the Indian Affairs Council; the Council on Affairs of Chicano/Latino People; the Council on Black Minnesotans; the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans; the American Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council; counties; and tribal governments in developing a plan to award grants that address racial disparities and disproportionality in the child welfare system, establish measurable outcomes for the grants, and develop criteria and procedures to allocate the grants.

The 2015 Minnesota legislature allocated \$1.5 million for grants to address disparities in child welfare. The statutory language for the disparities grants can be found online at:
<http://www.lcc.leg.mn/tfcp/meetings/08112015/Disparities-Grants-Language.pdf>

The Department of Human Services is coordinating two public meetings to engage with the statutorily-specified partners for the purpose of developing the grant criteria and procedures, establishing measurable outcomes, and developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to award the funds. The public can also participate by phone. The public also has the opportunity to submit comments in writing. Written comments must be received via the email address below by October 12, 2015 at 4:30pm.

The meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, October 6, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Ave North, Minneapolis, MN 55411

Thursday, October 8, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Room Dakota 2 at the Prairie's Edge Casino Resort, 5616 Prairie's Edge Lane, Granite Falls, MN 56241

Conference Call Information

Dial in number: 1.888.742.5095

Please use conference code number: 7834245271

Written comments may be sent to DHSChildSafety.DisparitiesGrant@state.mn.us