

February 8, 2010

Wayland Campbell
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RE: Assessment of Service Delivery Report

Dear Wayland,

The Minnesota Family Support and Recovery Council have taken the position that MFSRC Board is not supporting the "Option 1" of the ASDM Report dated November 21, 2009.

Let me give you some background on how the MFSRC Board came about their decision.

I requested the elected members of MFSRC to contact their constituents and poll them on if they felt MFSRC Board should take a position on the ASDM Report and if so what position MFSRC should take.

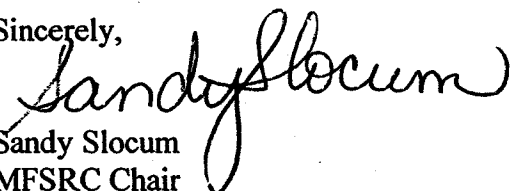
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Even though MFSRC is opposing Option 1, MFSRC is open to being involved in discussions on how to improve the Minnesota IV-D program by reviewing suggestions made by Deloitte in both the ASDM report and BPR report.

I am enclosing the Resolution that MFSRC is supporting.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 763-241-2613.

Sincerely,


Sandy Slocum
MFSRC Chair

RESOLUTION
MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT AND RECOVERY COUNCIL (MFSRC)

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Resolution - Assessment of Service Delivery Report

Whereas, the Minnesota IV-D Program consistently performs well in the Federal Performance Measures, but has seen a decline in the cost-effectiveness measure over the last several years due to a variety of factors;

Whereas, the Minnesota Department of Human Services initiated an independent study analyzing the model of service delivery in the Minnesota IV-D program, which is State Supervised from 1 Central Office, and County Administered from 84 County programs;

Whereas, Deloitte was hired to conduct the study and deliver a Report analyzing the current model of service delivery and make recommendations as to how to improve service delivery;

Whereas, Deloitte's report entitled "Final Report and Integrated Roadmap", dated November 21, 2009 recommends and provides an implementation plan for the Minnesota IV-D program be State Operated with 1 Central Office and 10 Regional Offices, this plan is referred to as "Option 1." The report recommends the implementation take place over a multi-year phase-in process, and "Option 1" is the most expensive and highest risk option as compared to "Option 2" and "Option 3,"

Whereas, there were 2 other recommendations that did not have implementation plans, "Option 2" consisting of a stronger state governance with a regionalized county-based structure, and "Option 3, consisting of a stronger state governance with the current county-based structure. While there were no implementation plans recommended, a cost-benefit evaluation was done, and "Option 2" and "Option 3" were less expensive and lower risk options as compared "Option 1."

Whereas, the MFSRC Board District Representatives polled their constituents (made up of Child Support Workers and Supervisors, Collections Officers, IV-D Directors, Assistant County Attorneys), about whether the MFSRC Board should take a position on the ASDM Report "Option 1," and if so, what MFSRC's position should be, noting that the constituents' responses to the poll does not reflect the position of their county's elected officials;

Whereas, all 8 MFSRC Districts recommended that MFSRC take a position and that position should be for the MFSRC Board oppose "Option 1" of the ASDM Report;

Whereas, there are many ways the Minnesota Child Support System can be improved without a state assumption of the Minnesota Child Support Program; the MFSRC Board recommends that MFSRC work with the Child Support Enforcement Division in a cooperative and positive manner to improve the current Child Support Program without implementing 'Option 1' of the report;

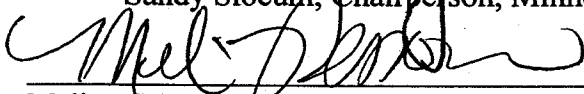
Therefore Be It Resolved, that the MFSRC Board does not support "Option 1" of the ASDM Report dated November 21, 2009, which recommends a state operated Child Support System with 1 central office and 10 regional offices. The MFSRC Board supports the Department of Human Services working with the County IV-D programs to improve the delivery of Child Support services in Minnesota.

On January 21, 2010, MFSRC Board Member Grant Forsyth moved that the executive committee draft a resolution adopting the above resolution. MFSRC Board Member Mark Ponselle seconded the motion to adopt said resolution, and the resolution was voted on and adopted by the MFSRC Board.

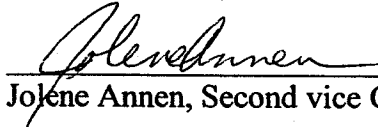
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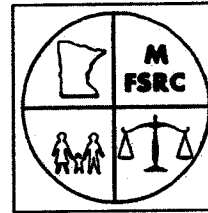
Sandy Slocum, Chairperson, Minnesota Family Support and Recovery Council



Melissa Rossow, First vice Chair, Minnesota Family Support and Recovery Council



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