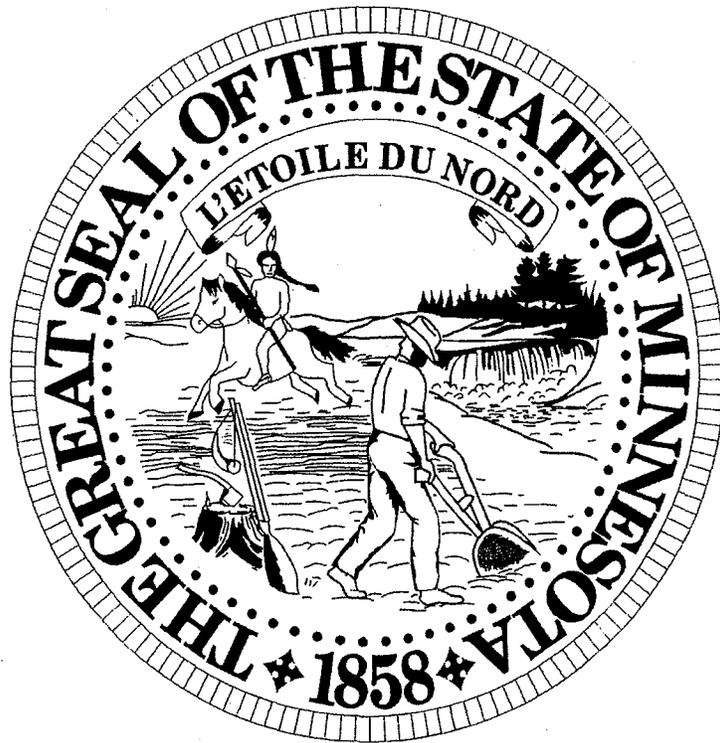


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credits. The OBRA also requires Tax Credit Agencies to hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the Allocation Plan.

The above public hearing is for the 2013 Allocation Plan developed by Minnesota Housing, in cooperation with local government representatives, for use within the Tax Credit Allocation jurisdiction of Minnesota Housing. Other Tax Credit Suballocating Agencies in Minnesota will be holding public hearings for their areas of jurisdiction. Currently, the following cities and counties are eligible to be Suballocating Agencies in Minnesota: Duluth, St. Cloud, Rochester, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Washington County and Dakota County.

All persons interested will be given an opportunity to express their views. In order to more effectively plan for the conduct of the hearings, persons desiring to speak at the hearing must so request in writing at least 24 hours before the hearing. Oral remarks by any person will be limited to 10 minutes. Written comments may also be submitted to the undersigned, and will be considered at the hearing. Note that this public hearing is not a workshop or training session, but is intended to solicit the comments of the public.

Copies of summaries of the proposed changes to the Housing Tax Credit Procedural Manual and Qualified Allocation Plan are available at the address listed below, by written or phone request or by checking the Minnesota Housing web site.

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Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

Division of Disability Services

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS on Possible Amendment to Rules Governing Aversive and Deprivation Procedures in Licensed Facilities Serving Persons With Developmental Disabilities, *Minnesota Rules*, 9525.2700 - 9525.2810

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Human Services requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing Aversive and Deprivation Procedures in Licensed Facilities Serving Persons With Developmental Disabilities. The Department is considering rule amendments that are consistent with the demands of the Stipulated Class Action Settlement Agreement approved by the Federal Court in *Jensen, et al. v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, et al.*, Court File No. 09-CV-1775 (DWF/FLN). The Department has agreed to make revisions that “modernize” the rule to “reflect current best practices, including, but not limited to the use of positive and social behavioral supports, and the development of placement plans consistent with the principle of the “most integrated setting” and “person centered planning, and development of an ‘Olmstead Plan.’”

The Department may expand the scope of this rule to apply to currently unlicensed services or populations not currently protected by this rule. Toward that effort and remaining consistent with the settlement agreement, the Department’s rule revision will address other relevant issues that come up, but only as the Department deems to have time.

Persons Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect providers of services to persons with developmental disabilities, recipients of those services and their families, and advocates for persons with developmental disabilities. Providers currently not subject to the rules might be affected if scope of this rule is expanded.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 245.825, requires the Department to adopt rules for governing the use of aversive and deprivation procedures in all licensed facilities and licensed services serving persons with developmental disabilities as defined in section 252.27, subdivision 1a.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until further

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notice is published in the *State Register* that the Department intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Department does plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules. The advisory committee will consist of at least one representative from the following groups and organizations: parents of persons with developmental disabilities, independent experts, DHS representatives, the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, Minnesota Disability Law Center, Plaintiffs' counsel, and others as agreed upon by the parties to the settlement agreement referenced above.

Rules Drafts. The Department has not yet drafted the possible rules amendments.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Dean Ritzman at Minnesota Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 64967, St. Paul, MN 55164-0967, **phone:** (651) 431-2444, **fax:** (651) 431-7411 and **e-mail:** dean.ritzman@state.mn.us. TTY users may call MN Relay at 711 or (800) 627.3529. Written comments, questions, and requests for more information on the rulemaking process should be directed to: Bob Klukas, Department of Human Services, Appeals and Regulations Division, P.O. Box 64941, St. Paul, MN 55164-0941, **phone:** (651) 431-3613, **fax:** at (651) 431-7523, **e-mail:** robert.klukas@state.mn.us.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: 18 January 2012

Lucinda Jesson, Commissioner
Department of Human Services

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Request for Statements of Interest in the Public Planning Committee on the Development of the Minnesota Olmstead Plan

The Minnesota Department of Human Services ("the Department") will convene an Olmstead Planning Committee ("the Committee") consistent with the Stipulated Class Action Settlement Agreement approved by the Federal Court in *Jensen, et al. v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, et al.*, Court File No. 09-CV-1775 (DWF/FLN). The Committee will issue public recommendations to the Department in November of 2012. The Department will utilize these recommendations in the development and implementation of a comprehensive Olmstead Plan that uses measurable goals to increase the number of people with disabilities receiving services that best meet their needs in the "Most Integrated Setting" and is consistent with the U. S. Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 582 (1999).

The Department is seeking Statements of Interest ("SOI") from individuals interested in serving on the Committee. Interested persons should demonstrate an understanding of the spirit and intent of the *Olmstead* decision, best practice in the field of disabilities, and a long-standing commitment to the systemic change that respects the human and civil rights of people who experience disabilities such as developmental disabilities, mental illness, or other disabling conditions.

The anticipated time commitment is one meeting each month for eight months. The first Committee meeting is scheduled for **March 7, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 444 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, in room 3148**. Consistent with the settlement agreement, the Department would like SOIs from parents or other family members of persons who experience disabilities, individuals who experience disabilities (including Self-Advocates), independent experts, providers, and other interested parties. Below are descriptions of the preferred qualifications to be considered when selecting individuals to serve on the Committee. Some employees of the Department as well