

# Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council

# Legislative Authority (“Why”)

The commissioner of human services shall establish an Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council to advise and assist the commissioner in establishing and implementing a statewide vision and systemic approach to acute care transitions in Minnesota.

[Link to webpage for the Acute Care Advisory Council](#)

# Council (“Who”)

Organization	Member
Commissioner of Education or Designee	Tom Delaney
Commissioner of Health or Designee	Carol Backstrom
Commissioner of Human Services or Designee	Natasha Merz
Minnesota County Attorney's Association Representative	Brad Johnson
Minnesota Hospital Association Member #1	Susan Pleasants
Minnesota Hospital Association Member #2	Cindy St. George
University of Minnesota Representative	Jessica Simacek
Member Representing a Public Sector Labor Union (SEIU)	Simon Warren
Member Representing a Tribal Government	Chairwoman Cathy Chavers of Bois Forte
Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators Member	Jodi Donnay
Member representing the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health	Mary Kjolsing

# Council (“Who”) Continued

Organization	Member
Local Public Health Association Member	Jonelle Hubbard
Individual who has had an Acute Hospital Stay Initiated During a Crisis	Randy Baumgard
Individual who Meets the Definition of a Caring Professional	TBD
Individual or their Representatives who have Lived Experiences with Acute Care Transitions	Tim Middendorf
Individual or their Representatives who have Lived Experiences with Acute Care Transitions	Sheila Grisim
Members Representing Home and Community-Based Services Providers	Josh Berg (Co-Chair)
Members Representing Home and Community-Based Services Providers	Nicole Mucheck
Parent of a Child who has had an Acute Hospital Stay Initiated During a Crisis	Laura Arnold (Co-Chair)

# Direction from the Legislature: Report by October 1, 2024 (“What”)

## An Action Plan that includes recommendations to:

- Improve the ways in which regions support people with complex transition challenges
- Reduce multiple roles and services that make it hard to find support.
- Design a way to assess and measure the challenges that occur during Transitions.
- Change policies and procedures.
- Consider ways the state can invest in new programs to help people in transition.
- Address geographic, racial and ethnic disparities that children and adults in transition experience.

# “What” Continued...

Work already underway or possible overlapping efforts:

- Complex Transitions Team
- Positive Supports
- Implementation Science
- Regional Approaches
- Priority Admissions Task Force
- Children’s Residential Facility Crisis Stabilization Services Council
- 2024 Legislative Initiatives

# Work in progress... (“How”)

- First two meetings held (November 6, 2023 & January 25, 2024)
  - Next several scheduled February through September
  - Third meeting scheduled for: February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- External engagement welcomed and encouraged
  - Email examples, ideas, stories: [TransitionsAdvisoryCouncil.DHS@state.mn.us](mailto:TransitionsAdvisoryCouncil.DHS@state.mn.us)
  - Meetings [livestreamed](#) with in-person option available
- Info about Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council on website:
  - [Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council / Minnesota Department of Human Services \(mn.gov\)](#)

# “Who Cares”



Rules and systems were created by people. And that awareness gives us the courage to contemplate how we can change them.

~ Adam M. Grant

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# Thank You!

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