



Thursday and Friday, February 4-5, 2021

Virtual meeting

Homework: Consider the life experiences that have influenced your approach to public service. Please take some time to write these down and select an item that reminds you of these experiences to bring with you to AMC Futures.

Thursday, February 4th

1:00 p.m.

Part I: Reflections on public service

Materials: Homework assignment ■ AMC Futures ground rules ■ AMC Futures member list ■ Stearns County Guidelines ■ Keep Partisan Politics out of Sherburne County Board, by Felix Schmiesing, Sherburne County Commissioner and AMC District 5 Director

Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Fobbe, Sherburne County Commissioner & Co-Chair
Carolyn McDonald, Lyon County Human Resources Director & Co-Chair

Reflections

Jim McDonough, Ramsey County Commissioner & past Co-Chair

New AMC Futures members

Larry Lindor, Pope County Commissioner & AMC Secretary/Treasurer
Pamela Dixon, Cook County Human Resources Director
Jim Elmquist, Dodge County Administrator

Homework

Please be prepared to share your homework reflections and listen to colleagues as they reflect on the life experiences that influence their approach to public service.



County governance strategies

Michael Williams, Stearns County Administrator

Hear about life in local government administration, county governance strategies, and the *Stearns County Guidelines for Requested Resolutions and Proclamations*, passed in 2020.

3:15 p.m.

Extended Break

4:15 p.m.

Part II: Reflections on trust and local government relationships

Please plan to join us for dinner and engage in a conversation about the history of polarization and the impact of relationships and trust on the work of county government.

Debrief Discussion: Homework and County governance

Lisa Fobbe, Sherburne County Commissioner & Co-Chair
Carolyn McDonald, Lyon County Human Resources Director & Co-Chair

Evening Dinner Conversation

Polarization, trust, and county government relationship networks

Bill Doherty, UMN Professor and Braver Angels Co-founder

Hear about the history connected to polarization trends in the U.S. and around the world. Engage with AMC Futures colleagues to ask questions and share stories. Please plan to talk about relationship networks within your communities and the trust that positively impacts local decision-making.





Friday, February 5th

8:30 a.m.

Part III: Public health, the economy, and educational opportunity

Materials: *Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccine webpage* ■ *A Statewide Crisis: Minnesota's Education Achievement Gaps (report)*

Welcome, Thursday debrief, and Coffee

Lisa Fobbe, Sherburne County Commissioner & Co-Chair

Carolyn McDonald, Lyon County Human Resources Director & Co-Chair

COVID-19 vaccine roll-out and Support for public health

Ann Stehn, Horizon Public Health Administrator & past Co-Chair

Hear the latest updates regarding the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out and share leadership strategies to support statewide public health efforts.



9:50 a.m.

Break

For the first time in history, the AMC Board will be invited to join AMC Futures. This break will note the end of February Futures and the beginning of a special joint session with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rich Sve, AMC President, AMC Futures member, and Lake County Commissioner

The economy and educational opportunity in Minnesota

Neel Kashkari, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Alan Page, Retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice

Hear about the economy in the months of COVID-19. Then, learn about the advocacy of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis regarding a constitutional amendment that links education to a thriving Minnesota workforce. This big picture approach, framed as “education as a civil right,” connects to issues that you know well from early childhood education to jobs.

Please plan to share stories regarding disparities in your communities. As many have said, when students “fall through the cracks,” they end up in county programs. We hope that you join us for this wide-ranging discussion—and learn more about what motivates the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis to advocate for changes to the way that the state of Minnesota approaches public education.



11:15 a.m.

Closing announcements

11:30 a.m.

Adjourn

Closing note: Thank you for everything that you are doing right now – and always. We are deeply honored to know you and work with you.

2021 FUTURES Dates

February 4-5

May 13-14

September 9-10