



February 2 - 3, 2017
AMC | 125 Charles Avenue | St. Paul, Minnesota

Thursday, February 2, 2017

1:00 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions*

Neal Gaalswyk and Ann Stehn, FUTURES Co-Chairs

Please plan to interview a community member who lives with adolescents to inquire about their school, work, and extracurricular schedule as well as plans for college, if any. What challenges do these adolescents face on a daily basis and as they plan for the future?

**In your (1 to 2 minute) introduction, please share examples from your conversations.*

Welcome to the newest FUTURES members:

- Jason Anderson, *Director of Itasca County Probation*
- Joan Lee, *Polk County Commissioner*
- Scott Schulte, *Anoka County Commissioner*
- Karri Thorsten, *Benton County Auditor-Treasurer*

2:15 p.m.

A Look at Quality of Life Data with a Focus on “Opportunity Youth”

Allison Liuzzi, Research Scientist from the Minnesota Compass Project at Wilder Research



Allison Liuzzi

Allison is a Research Scientist on the Minnesota Compass project at Wilder Research. She works with national and state data sources to describe notable demographic trends and to measure progress on topics related to our shared quality of life in Minnesota. During this session, she will review recent demographic trends with highlights related to transportation, workforce, and housing. She will, then, provide a closer look at barriers that influence data surrounding “opportunity” or “disconnected” youth.

3:15 p.m.

BREAK

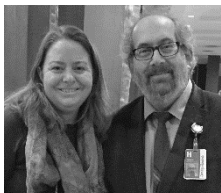
3:30 p.m.

Opportunity Youth Support Networks in Hennepin County

Jamie Halpern, Area Manger for Policy Coordination, Hennepin County Human Services & Public Health Department

Kristine Snyder, LEAP Project Director at Project Pride in Living (PPL)

John Thorson, Hennepin County Workforce Development Director



Kristine Snyder & Jamie Halpern

Hennepin County's innovative Alternative Learning Center Plus program provides extra assistance at school sites for county-supported youth, often referred to as “opportunity” or “disconnected” youth. This program aims to provide diverse options through flexible schedules and individualized curriculum that meet district graduation requirements. In existence since 2006, ALC Plus has recently expanded to thirteen sites to increase collaboration between Hennepin County and area schools. To do this, ALC Plus Case Coordinators work with goal setting and postsecondary plans to ensure that county-supported youth can make their dreams a reality.

5:30 p.m.

DINNER

5:45 p.m.

The Purple Caucus

Senator Jeremy Miller and former Senator Roger Reinert



Sen. Jeremy Miller

The Purple Caucus is a bipartisan collaboration of Minnesota State Senators aimed at ending partisan gridlock at the Legislature. The goal of the Caucus, founded in 2013, is to bring together legislators from both political parties to work on positive solutions for Minnesota. The Purple Caucus motto is: "*Minnesotans first, and other labels second,*" and provides a platform for Legislators to build the relationships necessary to get things done in today's political environment. State Senator Jeremy Miller (R-Winona) and former State Senator Roger Reinert (DFL-Duluth) are co-founders of the Purple Caucus. Over dinner, they will share about their lives and lessons learned from this important, bipartisan work.



Sen. Roger Reinert

7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Friday, February 3, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Welcome & Continental Breakfast

Futures members who did not share their family interviews on Thursday will share them this morning. The group will also briefly review the previous evening's program.

8:30 a.m.

The Minnesota State Budget: An Overview & Look Ahead

Bill Marx, Chief House Fiscal Analyst



Bill Marx

Bill Marx has been in service to the Minnesota legislature since graduation from Winona State University in 1975. He is the Chief Fiscal Analyst at the Minnesota House of Representatives, a non-partisan office. He will provide an overview of the state budget with details from Governor's January recommendations.

9:00 a.m.

Unfunded Mandates: A Facilitated Discussion

Julie Ring, AMC Executive Director

This series of table conversations and associated large-group discussion will address identification of unfunded mandates and connections to legislative initiatives.

10:00 a.m.

BREAK

10:15 a.m.

Mental Health First Aid: A National Model

*Jode Freyholtz-London, Founder & Executive Director of Wellness in the Woods
Karen Crabtree, Manager, Social Services & Community Health, Essentia Health St. Mary's*



Jode Freyholtz-London

Basic first aid — how to bandage a wound or wrap a twisted ankle, etc. — is something that most every parent learns early in a child's life, and is passed on through generations. First Responders, EMTs and paramedics undergo years of training to handle the sudden onset of serious injuries and illnesses. But what about "mental health first aid" — recognizing signs and risk factors for depression, anxiety, addiction and other disorders of the mind? Karen Crabtree and Jode Freyholtz-London will present county initiatives related to a new national Mental Health First Aid Program and walk us through strategies that make a difference.



Karen Crabtree

11:30 a.m.

An Update from the Association of Minnesota Counties

Julie Ring, AMC Executive Director

11:45 a.m.

Adjourn

Next session dates: May 18 - 19 and September 21 - 22