

Council on Local Results and Innovation

Office of the State Auditor
525 Park Street, St. Paul
Wednesday, December 5th, 2012

Members Present

Dave Bartholomay, City of Circle Pines
Karen Brown, Fillmore County
Sara Folsted, Renville County
John Gunyou, retired City Administrator of Minnetonka
Mark Hintermeyer, City of Moorhead (via phone)
Linnea Mirsch, St. Louis County
Rebecca Otto, State Auditor
Matt Stemwedel, City of Coon Rapids

Members Absent

Richard Devlin, Olmsted County
Jay Stroebel, City of Minneapolis
Wendy Underwood, Target Corp.

Others Present

Beau Berentson, Association of Minnesota Counties
Christy John, Office of the State Auditor
Rachel Walker, League of Minnesota Cities

I. Call to Order

Auditor Otto called the meeting to order.

II. Election of Chair

The new members were introduced. Matt Stemwedel was the only nomination and was elected chair.

III. Review of Program to Date

Auditor Otto gave an overview of the statutes creating the Council, as well as the requirements of the Council and the incentives offered to participating entities.

Review of Survey

Issues raised: cost of doing surveys; need for annual survey; using older survey data; validity of survey given low response rates; reliance on survey questions vs. actual output measures.

Concern: made measures and survey requirement too easy to increase participation, need to revise that now.

Even low numbers can still spur conversation at city council/county board.

Concern about having to use measures listed vs. choosing ones that make sense for entity.

Review of System

Issues raised: document not clear, need step by step instructions, city and county officials want to see examples and clear list of steps,

Suggestion: merge measures document and system document, create step by step list of requirements, provide examples.

Review of Measures

Concerns raised: availability of data, best sources of data, concern about lots of survey measures for cities and only one for counties

Ideas: using MN Compass data, using a list of output measures plus a survey, sharing more examples, more options

Review of Program Participation

Concerns raised: availability of data, best sources of data, concern about lots of survey measures for cities and only one for counties

Review of Resolutions

Concerns: officials want samples, questions about frequency of passing resolution, create templates

IV. Potential Policy Issues and Resources

Increase reimbursement rate?

Governments going in and out of program

Re-entry requirements

Annual workload for repeated resolution

Technical changes to law for clarity

Cities or counties with own systems in place—do they qualify

Education and promotion efforts
Library of samples
Mentors or consulting help (use associations)
Fund position at associations or at state to help cities and counties with program,
answer questions
Tap resources of Humphrey School
Use ICMA national citizen survey; think about negotiating good rate
Survey service—free basic plus advanced modules for cost

V. Other Business

The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2012 at 1:00.

VI. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as drafted.

VII. Adjournment