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The Olmstead Implementation Office (OIO) is currently seeking applicants who are interested in serving on the Olmstead Community Engagement Workgroup from June 2018-June 2019.

The Olmstead Community Engagement Workgroup provides input and recommendations to the Olmstead Subcabinet and the OIO on ways to strengthen and expand authentic community engagement between state agencies, disability communities, and the general public.

The Community Engagement Workgroup application is an equal opportunity. The Subcabinet places a high priority on recruiting diverse representatives from within Minnesota's disability community. Individuals from the following populations are encouraged to apply:

People of color, American Indians, women, immigrants and refugees, and individuals who identify as LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer).

People who reside both within the metro area and greater Minnesota.

People with disabilities who receive a various types of services or supports.

Goals of the 2018 Olmstead Community Engagement Workgroup

- **Public Input:** Ensure that all public input processes are as *accessible* and *inclusive* as possible; build relationships with *diverse communities* to engage them in two-way communication that can inform decision-making over time; develop strategies to incorporate *transparency* and *accountability* in every phase of the process.
- **Communications:** Increase statewide awareness of and investment in the Minnesota Olmstead Plan by building a communications strategy across diverse audiences and platforms and strengthening reciprocal and responsive communication between OIO, state agencies, and the general public.
- **Community Engagement Plan:** Prioritize the five "Community Engagement Outcomes"
 1. Humanity, dignity and empowerment
 2. Person-centered listening and learning
 3. Diversity, accessibility, and equity
 4. Transparency and accountability
 5. Active leadership, inclusion, and participation.

If you are interested in serving on the Community Engagement Workgroup, please fill out the application form below and return to OIO by **March 26th, 2018**. (If you need accommodations for the application process, please contact Mary Catherine at mary.catherine@state.mn.us or 651-296-9844.) Applications can be submitted by email (MNOLmsteadPlan@state.mn.us), fax (651-296-8139), or by mail (Olmstead Implementation Office, c/o Minnesota Housing, 400 Wabasha Street North, St. Paul, MN 55102).