



Summary of Housing Workgroup Public Engagement



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Minnesota Housing Joint Grantee
Conference

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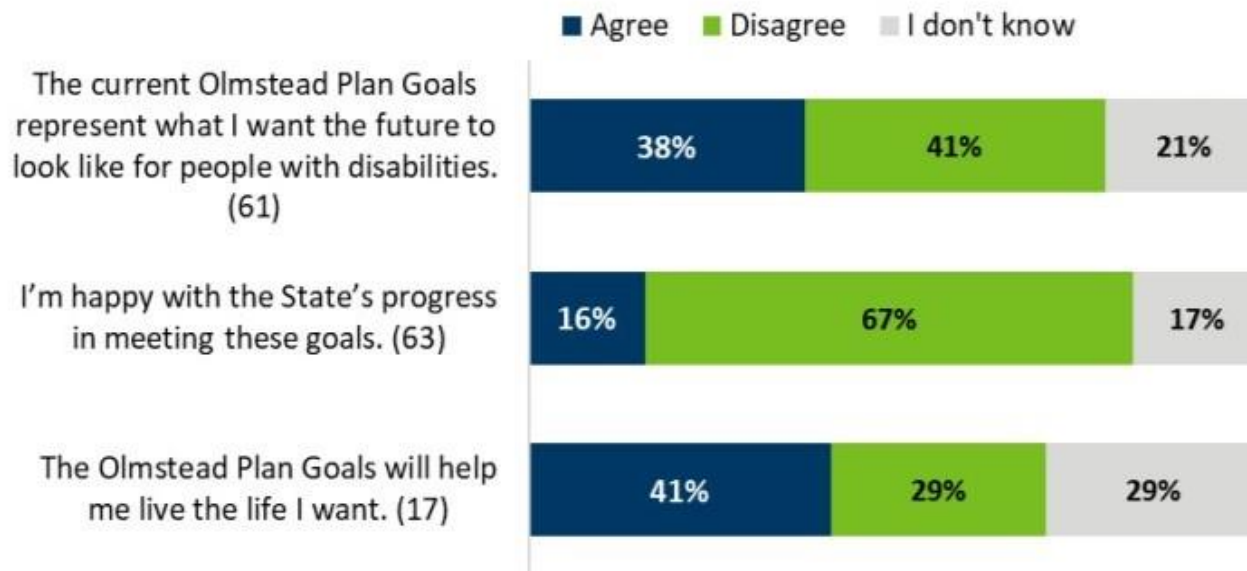
What is Going On at OIO?

- Public Engagement – Virtual, Website and Social Media
- Public/Private Stakeholder Workgroups
- Plan Amendment Participation Engagement Expanded
- [Mn.gov/olmstead/workgroups](https://mn.gov/olmstead/workgroups)
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Housing

All respondents received the first two statements to agree or disagree with. Only people who identified as a person with a disability received the third statement.

Please pick how much you agree or disagree with these sentences about the Housing category. (Number of respondents shown after each statement in parentheses.)



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Minnesota Olmstead Plan Work Groups

In 1999, the Supreme Court ruled that people with disabilities have certain rights. [The Olmstead Decision](#) says people must get to make the choices that are best for themselves. Every state is required to have an Olmstead Plan; Minnesota has had a plan since 2015. [The Plan](#) also acts as a map, making sure that we are going in the right direction. The Plan is a good starting point for us and is moving in the right direction.

In 2019, Governor Tim Walz signed an Executive Order asking the [Olmstead Subcabinet](#) members to look at new opportunities to address the needs of individuals with disabilities. These included:

- looking at barriers to providing services to people in the most integrated setting
- identifying inequalities that don't allow people to live, work, engage with their community
- looking for ways to serve people better to promote better health outcomes

In October 2020, the Subcabinet created 6 new work groups to look at these issues. The work groups will discover new ways to better serve people with disabilities. They will be made up of State Agency staff, providers, and people with disabilities who can share lived experiences in these areas. Click on the links below to learn more about each work group.

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Affordable Safe Accessible Housing

In October 2020, the [Minnesota Olmstead Subcabinet](#) created workgroups to research ways to better serve people with disabilities in five critical areas. Each group will make recommendations to the Subcabinet based on their research. You can read more about why the workgroups were formed on this page: [Minnesota Olmstead Plan Workgroups](#)

What does the Affordable Safe Accessible Housing Workgroup do?

This group of volunteers works with State Agency staff to:

- Examine disparities in housing options for people with disabilities
- Collaborate to increase affordable and accessible housing options
- Develop strategies to address this issue

Get involved



Next Meeting

February 9, 2022
10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

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Community Input Event Affordable, Safe, Accessible Housing

Housing is an important part of the Minnesota Olmstead Plan. Last year, the Olmstead Implementation Office (OIO) launched the Affordable, Safe, Accessible Housing Workgroup. The workgroup members make recommendations to the Olmstead Subcabinet on ways to improve Housing goals in the Olmstead Plan.

The Affordable, Safe, Accessible Housing Workgroup recently hosted a survey. The survey helped them learn about housing from community members. In the survey, community members identified their top 3 housing priorities. The Workgroup is hosting a virtual event on January 22 to learn more about these priorities.

The top 3 priorities from the survey are:

- Help to find available housing
- Financial assistance to pay rent
- Accessible housing to accommodate wheelchairs, walkers, and other aids



Next Meeting

January 22, 2022

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

[Register](#)

Public Engagement

Have you had trouble finding affordable, safe, accessible housing?

Yes: 77%

No: 23%

Summary of comments:

- Affordable housing, in general, is very limited
- Rural areas have insufficient options with long waiting times (i.e., 7 years)
- Most “accessible” housing is not adequately accessible
- Affordable, accessible housing too expensive given SSI and asset requirements
- No access to services, ARMMHS, or PCAs
- Neglect of property and services by property owner/management make it difficult to live
- Forced to choose between employment and affordable housing.
- Forced to choose between marriage and affordable accessible housing.

Online Survey – November 2021

How long did it take to find your current housing?

0-3 months	27%
4-6 months	13%
6-9 months	17%
10-12 months	13%
More than a year	30%

What type of housing do you live in?

Assisted living	11%
Independent living	64%
With family or friends	14%
Long-term care	11%

Online Survey – November 2021

Can you access resources that fully address your needs and desires for housing?

Yes: 33%

No: 67%

Summary of comments:

- Difficult to find resources if you don't know what is actually available.
- No - Daughter does not have sufficient cognitive level to know how to access resources even if they are available.
- Only aware of resources through research done by support staff at home.
- Would like a resource to identify housemates my age who have their own support staff to share the living experience and cost of living in a single-family home.
- Many people waiting for Assisted Living housing everywhere in the state.
- MVAC assists with deposit and rent, but not moving expenses.
- So many different programs exist; no one person seems to understand them all.

Online Survey – November 2021

Is your housing near accessible public transportation?

Yes:	43%
No:	27%
Comments:	30%

Summary of comments:

- Rural areas have no accessible public transport and people with disabilities are stuck and isolated
- Even if close to public transportation, not a safe option.
- Transportation only accessible when weather is good. Public sidewalks and bus stops are often icy and not shoveled adequately.
- Yes - Employer provides transportation to work, and each residence has transport available for staff to bring residents places.

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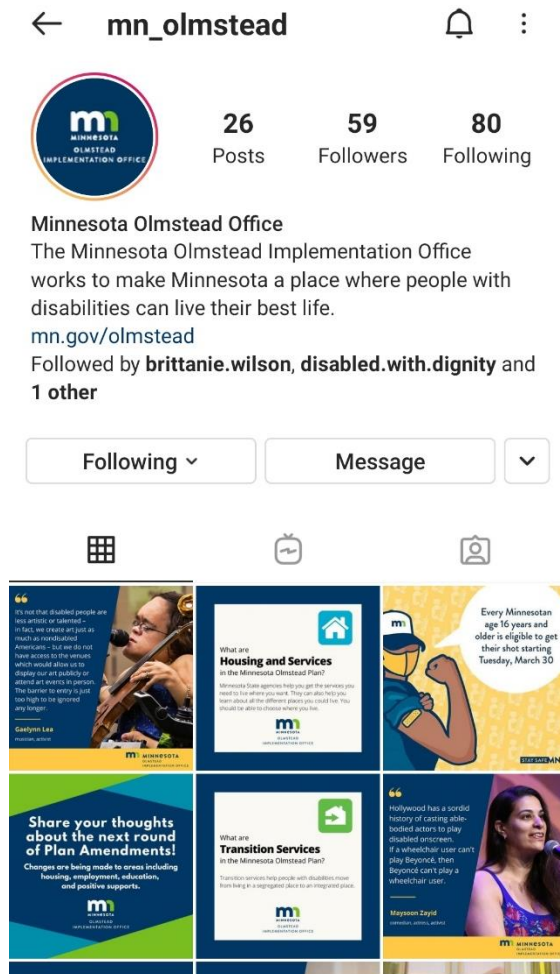
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First name *

Last name *

Email *

What is your connection to the disability community? *

If other, please describe:

What county do you live in?

* = required field

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