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## **Michigan Council for Rehabilitation Services**

### **Quarterly Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, August 14., 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST

Virtual: Microsoft Teams 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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#### **9:15 am Virtual Meeting Room Opens**

- Networking

#### **9:30 am Quarterly Business Meeting - Morning Session**

- Call to Order – Carol Bergquist
- Welcome – Carol Bergquist
  - Welcome new IT Staff – Joe Lewis
- Member Roll Call – Kelsey Hockaday
- Introductions – Members, DSU Representatives, & Guests – Carol Bergquist
- Council vote on proposed Agenda for 08/14/25, Carol Bergquist
- Council vote on minutes from 05/08//25 Business Meeting, Carol Bergquist

#### **9:50 am Resource Plan**

- Resource Plan FY2025 Update, Steve Dalton and James Hull
- Resource Plan FY2026 Proposed, Steve Dalton and James Hull
  - Present to full council for discussion and questions – Steve Dalton
  - Call for vote of full council – Carol Bergquist

**9:55 am – Update of Impact of Federal Changes** – Todd Culver and Kelsey Hockaday Facilitators

**10:25 am Partner Reports** – Written reports are submitted and provided at meeting. Each partner will have 5 minutes to share any highlights.

- Michigan Developmental Disability Council (DD Council), Yasmina Bouraoui
- Disability Rights Michigan Quarterly Report, Elham Jahshan
- Incompass Michigan, Todd Culver
- Michigan Alliance for Families, Karen Wang
- Michigan Interagency Transition Team (MITT) Karen Wang
- Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), Steve Locke

- Questions and discussion on Partner Reports.

**11:00 am DSU Updates – (20 minutes each)**

- 11:00 – 11:20 am Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), Sigrid Adams, Director
- 11:20 – 11:30 am Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP), Mike Pemble, Director (break at 11:30 for public comment)

**11:30 am Public Comment – Kelsey Hockaday**

**11:35 am DSU Updates (continued)**

- 11:35 – 11:45 am Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP), Mike Pemble, Director
- 11:45 am Questions and discussion for DSUs

**11:50 am Continue Questions and Discussion regarding DSU Reports and Related Vocational Rehabilitation Issues in Michigan – Carol Bergquist**

**12:00 pm Lunch Break/Networking**

**12:45 am Unfinished Business**

- Council appointments, vacancies, term expirations – Carol Bergquist
  - New Member:
    - ▶ James Willis, representing Business, Industry or Labor, serving a term commencing 07/21/25, and expiring 12/30/26. Mr. Willis succeeds William Ernzen, who has resigned, and is completing Bill Ernzen's term.
  - Vacancies – One (1):
    - ▶ Seat was held by Kellie Blackwell, who resigned May 2025, term commenced 01/31/24, and expires 12/31/26
  - Terms Expiring on 12/31/25 - Eight(8):
    - ▶ Yasmina Bouraoui, representing Disability Advocacy Groups
    - ▶ Lisa Cook-Gordon, representing Disability Advocacy Groups (not eligible to reapply)
    - ▶ Todd Culver, representing Disability Advocacy Groups (not eligible to reapply)
    - ▶ Trina Edmonson, representing Disability Advocacy Groups
    - ▶ Kathy Flagstadt, representing Vocational Rehabilitation Programs
    - ▶ Elham Jahshan, representing Client Assistant Program
    - ▶ Steve Locke, representing Statewide Independent Living Council
    - ▶ Laurie Penfold, representing Business, Industry or Labor

**1:00 pm New Business – Carol Bergquist**

- 2025 Conferences
  - Incompass re:con – Nov 5-7, 2025, in Kalamazoo, Michigan
- Executive Team Election:
  - Ad Hoc Nomination Committee – Todd Culver
    - ▶ Present their slate of candidates for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
    - ▶ Any other nominations from the floor?
  - Council vote – roll call vote – Alicia Kirkey
  - Elected officers to assume their duties effective October 1, 2025 for FY2026
- Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee – seeking volunteers
- Ad Hoc Orientation Committee – seeking volunteers

**1:30 pm Work Session – Carol Bergquist**

1. Quarterly DSU Report Format Discussion (Todd/Jonathan, CAP/Elham Jahshan, John Sloat)
  - MCRS and DSU expectations
  - Data and information for DSU Reports
2. Increasing Awareness of MCRS Role and Functions to Michigan's VR and Disability Communities **Sept Meeting / Work Session Topic**
  - Discuss and Create a Work Team to Update MCRS Mission, Vision, and Values
  - Discuss and Create a Work Team to Explore Increasing Awareness of MCRS and Access for Providing Information and Suggestions - MCRS Logo, Brochure, use of Social Media and ideas for Marketing

**3:15 pm Next Steps and Opportunities for Member Engagement - Carol Bergquist**

**3:30 am Adjourn Meeting– Carol Bergquist**

**FY2025 Quarterly Meeting Schedule**

Thursday, October 10, 2024, Anderson House Office Building, Mackinac Room, 5th Floor, 124 N Capitol Ave, Lansing, MI 48933 (MCRS business meeting in morning and MRS Champion Awards in afternoon)

Thursday, February 13, 2025, Disability Network Capital Area, 901 E. Mt. Hope Lansing MI 48910

Thursday, May 8, 2025, Michigan Career & Technical Institute, 11611 Pine Lake Rd, Plainwell, MI 49080

Thursday, August 14, 2025, Disability Network Capital Area, 901 E. Mt. Hope  
Lansing MI 48910

Thursday, September 11, 2025, Disability Network Capital Area, 901 E. Mt. Hope  
Lansing MI 48910

**FY2026 Quarterly Meeting Schedule**

Thursday, October 9, 2025, Michigan State Capitol, Heritage Hall, 100 N. Capitol  
Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933 (MCRS Meeting in morning / attending MRS  
Champion Awards in afternoon)

Thursday, February 12, 2026, Location TBD

Thursday, May 14, 2026, Location TBD

Thursday, August 13, 2026, Location TBD

Thursday, September 17, 2026, Location TBD