



MINNESOTA
CONSORTIUM^{FOR}
CITIZENS^{WITH}
DISABILITIES



Policy, Advocacy & Wellness



Advancing Independence & Promoting Choice for People with Disabilities

FIRST TIER LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (ALL PASSED)

Consumer-Directed Community Supports (CDCS)

HF1445/SF1065
Lead: ARC MN

MSA - Housing Supports

HF866/SF852
Lead: Lutheran Social Service of
Minnesota

Medical Assistance (MA) Spendedown

HF225/SF250
Lead: Minnesota Brain Injury
Alliance

SECOND TIER LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Autism Early Intervention

HF919/SF562
Lead: Minnesota Autism Recovery
Foundation

Autism Essential Health Benefits Definition

Lead: Minnesota Autism Recovery
Foundation

Best Life Alliance

HF873/SF669
Lead: ARRM

Brain Injury Definition Change

HF1383/SF1032
Lead: Minnesota Organization for
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome]

Employment Supports

HF1239/SF1055
Lead: Arc MN

Parental Fees

HF1182/SF807
Lead: Arc MN

Pediatric Home Care Nursing

HF518/SF319
Lead: Pediatric Home Service

Prior Authorization (PA) for Prescriptions

HF747/SF593
Lead: Gillette Children's Specialty
HealthCare

Self-Driving USA

Lead: Minnesota State Council
on Disability

THIRD TIER LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Healthy Legacy

HF1627/SF1535
Lead: ARC GTC

Home Improvement Tax Credit

HF1088/SF869
Lead: MS Society

Minnesota Health Records Act (MHRA)

Lead: Gillette Children's Specialty
HealthCare

Neurodiversity Pilot Project

Lead: MOFAS

Palliative Care

HF345/SF112
Lead: MS Society

Personal Care Assistance Reform

HF481/SF393
Lead: MCIL

Parental Support

HF898/SF84
Lead: MCIL

Stiripentol

HF808/SF1221
Lead: Disability Law Center &
Gillette Children's Hospital

Dear Friends,

How is CCD doing? 2017 was a jam-packed year full of growth and change. We started by **rebranding; new logo, new website, and new collateral materials**. In tandem we launched a larger and more comprehensive legislative agenda addressing over twenty different policy issues. It was a budget year at the legislature, so we lobbied hard and **all three of our top tier priorities passed**. Numerous second and third tier policy items passed as well. We dedicated time to **THIS IS MEDICAID** and addressed last minute issues like spousal anti-improvement.

During the session we continued with our advocacy programming producing **Session Start-up, Tuesdays at the Capitol, and Session Wrap-up**. They were held at the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Cafeteria and hosted by a number of different member organizations with themes like autism, employment, housing, etc. We also added new advocacy materials that could be seen all over the house and senate in different legislator's offices. The legislators displayed posters with advocate's pictures, along with CCD's logo, and various messages about the need for policy reform. Overall, we had **record attendance at all our advocacy events**.

Just prior to the end of session, and ever mindful of our modest budget, **we moved to new offices in NE Minneapolis**. We are subleasing from Community Involvement Programs (CIP), and our larger, sunnier, more user friendly offices, are much appreciated. They netted us a **41.7% reduction in the cost of rent**; a happier line item on our budget, to be sure.

In relation to our overall budget, CCD has been running at a deficit for several years and using savings to balance the budget. My personal **goal for 2017 was to add additional revenue** sources and balance the budget. To that end we produced a **health and wellness conference** for people with disabilities. This took place in early fall and did net substantial additional revenue.

There are many further highlights and changes that took place in 2017, but the important ones involved people. We **secured a contract lobbyist Bill Amber** from Amber Law, who came on Pro Bono and is already an enormous asset. We lost a long time board member **Chris Bell who moved to North Carolina**, and our esteemed board chair **Randy Bachman retired** at the end of the year. Our policy world lost two of its icons with **both Steve Larson (ARC MN) and Anne Henry (Disability Law) retiring**. My fondest memories of the legislative session are Anne, Steve, and me sitting together in hearings and whispering about how things were going. They will, along with Chris and Randy, be greatly missed.

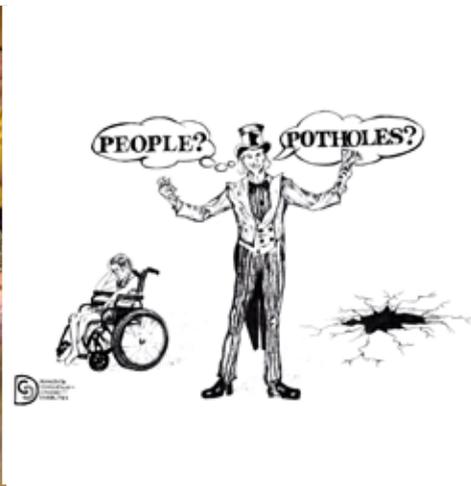
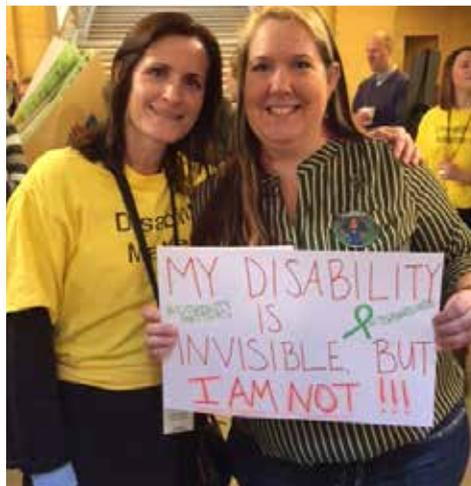
Overall, CCD had a tremendous year and made substantial **progress towards long-term sustainability**. We exist because together we have more clout and a much stronger voice for the people we serve. Almost daily I say to myself, **"We are our members."** CCD is not a separate entity from its member organizations, and we need to continue collaborating to create needed change for people with disabilities in Minnesota.

Dr. Sheryl Grassie

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Executive Director

For more detailed information
download the PDF on our
policy web page.





Session Start-up, Tuesdays at the Capitol, & Session Wrap-up
 1,442 Individuals Attended
 19 Members Hosted

Dear Members,

It has been my privilege to serve as MNCCD's Board Chair. I am retiring from that role with the hope that MNCCD will continue to be a significant voice for those with disabilities. It is my experience that while MNCCD strongly advocates for its member organizations, it has a larger mission to promote positive change that helps persons with disabilities have options and live in the community as independently as possible.

MNCCD has many strengths from my perspective, some of them are:

- A well-respected clearinghouse for disability issues
- We facilitate a process that allows a wide range of disability issues to be prioritized in developing a public policy agenda
- A diverse board that includes representatives from member organizations and citizen advocates.
- We provides forums to address different points of view in an effort to find common ground
- We have dedicated staff who network, build relationships, and provide leadership to promote the best interests of our members
- We are an organization that is looked to by legislators and other policy makers such as DHS to provide significant input on disability issues
- We are a broad based coalition that seeks to include the voice of everyone in the disability community, and we are not limited to a particular industry or service modality.

Well, so much for my ramblings. I'm sure you could expand on these strengths or even disagree with some of them. That's the strength of MNC-CD, we can disagree without being disagreeable—I think! Good luck going forward. Change the world. Who knows, maybe you'll see me haunting the halls of the Capitol or down the dark halls of DHS again someday. In the meantime, thanks for your commitment to persons with disabilities.

Randy Bachman

Randy Bachman
 2016–2017 Board Chair

MISSION STATEMENT

The Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (MNCCD) is a broad-based coalition of advocacy and provider organizations, working to change public policy to improve the lives of people with disabilities through building awareness, providing education, and engaging the community.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS CONFERENCE

Our first conference, which focused on health and wellness for people with disabilities, was held this past October in Minneapolis. We had generous sponsorship from members and non-members, a sold-out vendor marketplace, highly regarded keynote speakers, knowledgeable breakout session presenters, and fabulous healthy food.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US IN 2018!

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** Day
- 2** Keynote Speakers
- 19** Breakout Presenters
- 23** Marketplace Vendors
- 31** Sponsors
- 211** Attendees
- \$32,116** Net Proceeds

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Autism Recovery Foundation
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Epilepsy Foundation
Fraser
Host Homes
Mains'I Services Inc.
MOFAS
National MS Society Upper Midwest Chapter
Personal Support Services
Wing House

REVENUE

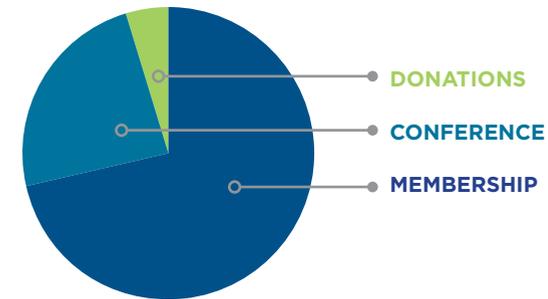
Membership Dues	\$96,750
Conference Proceeds	\$32,116
Donations	\$ 6,092

Total Revenue \$134,958

EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$106,871
Supplies, Consulting, Other	\$18,872
Occupancy	\$9,200

Total Revenue \$134,943



MNCCD was designed for membership dues to cover the organization's budget. However, they do not. An effort to increase membership has been tried, but the net result is a revenue budget that is static. A successful conference helped balance the budget in 2017, and we will need to continue with a conference to balance the budget in 2018. In my view member dues and conference proceeds are not adequate to build a viable organization that is sustainable and robust. Alternate sources must be found, whether in government contracts, legislative allocations, through private foundations, or other sources.

- Randy Bachman, Board Chair

2017 MNCCD MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

AARP
Access Press
Advocating Change Together (ACT)
Amberg Law*
The Arc Greater Twin Cities
Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM)
Autism Recovery Foundation
Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM)
Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota
Goodwill/Easter Seals
Hemophilia Foundation of MN
Long, Reher, Hanson & Price*
Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL)
Minnesota Ass. of Centers for Independent Living
Minnesota Behavioral Health Network*
Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance
Minnesota Disability Law Center
Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MOFAS)
Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation (MOHR)
Minnesota Council on Disability (MCD)
National MS Society, Upper Midwest Chapter
SEIU Healthcare
Southeastern Center for Independent Living (SEMCL)
The Arc of Minnesota

PROVIDERS

Accessible Space Inc.*
ACCRA care
Community Involvement Programs (CIP)
Fraser
Habilitative Services, Inc.
Hammer Residences, Inc.
Lifeworks
Living Well Disability Services
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
Mains'l
Mary T, Inc.
Merrick, Inc.
Midwest Association for Medical Equipment Services & Supplies (MAMES)*
Minnesota Autism Center
Opportunity Partners
Pediatric Home Service
St. David's Center
Stepping Stone Emergency Housing*

HEALTHCARE AGENCIES

Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, Allina
Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare
Medica
UCare

* Denotes new members in 2017

