

Voyage Forward

Journey to Success

“Quality of Life” Destiny Driver Committee

Notes on Meeting May 3, 2016 - Forestland Lower Conference Room

- I. Welcome and Introductions: Attending were Dianne Briggs, Deb Lagen, Danielle Schermerhorn, Ariel Schmit, Douglas Skrief with guest Ann King
- II. Brief Review of Voyage Forward and the Quality of Life Driver. Encouraged was further reflection on the charge of the driver, including need to reflect many views and regions of the county.
- III.
 - A. Reviewed second meeting conversation. Child day care, a topic of the previous meeting, was again recognized as daunting and, as was reported by Koochiching County Health and Human Services’ RaNae Whitbeck, complicated regarding licensing. As an immediate response, Ariel Schmit has contacted a reporter at *The Journal* who is now planning a feature on child day care needs. The committee will continue to pursue a contact and support group for parents new to the county who may be looking for information on care options, titled for the moment “Koochiching Moms.”
 - B. Skrief will pursue Youth Engagement Survey results for distribution to the committee.
 - C. Models of proceeding were discussed. University of North Dakota’s Seven Dimensions of Well Being may suggest a possible framework for this stage of planning (e.g., Social, Physical, Environmental, etc.). We could take a number of dimensions of “quality of life,” assemble current assessment documents around the topic that might identify assets and needs, brainstorm current and potential activities, brainstorm potential stakeholders, and assemble stakeholders around topic areas. While the committee may have already identified projects thought to be of high need and potential, this more general approach would prove inclusive of other views and push it out to the greater county area. A couple of gaps identified in general discussion included need for a “hub” for the community along the lines of an active living/wellness center and a central and accessible information source to collate the many events and amenities that already exist and are often underutilized.
- IV. Next Meeting: May 24 at 5:30 p.m. Lower Conference Room Forestland Annex, International Falls.