



# Spoken Language Health Care Interpreter Work Group

# Agenda

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| 2:00 - 2:05 | Welcome and Housekeeping                 |
| 2:05- 2:15  | Meeting Recap and Final Work to Complete |
| 2:15 – 3:20 | Member Discussion                        |
| 3:20 - 3:30 | Next Steps, Thanks and Closing           |

# Respectful Meeting Guidelines

- When speaking, re-introduce yourself (and member role).
- Speak slowly so everyone can clearly understand what you share.
- Stay present giving your full attention to this discussion; let us know via chat if you need to leave the discussion and when you are back.
- Stay focused on the agenda item being discussed (Jot out notes for reference later).
- Share your main thoughts/key points early when speaking.
- All members have the right to share their ideas and all ideas are valuable.
- Be respectful of other participants - including privacy (avoid sharing private details).

# Respectful Meeting Guidelines (continued)

- Listen to other members with an open mind.
- Assume positive intent – embracing a mindset that will lead to something good.
- Focus on the issue, not the person giving input.
- Advocate for all, not individual situations - stories are shared to inform the recommendations.
- Summarize what you heard to ensure understanding before reacting to another's comment.
- Be mindful of the distracting nature of chat messages to both presenters and other members.
- Time has been allotted throughout the meeting for questions and discussion.

# Members of the Public

- Invited to listen.
- Submit comments to [SLHCIWG.MDH@state.mn.us](mailto:SLHCIWG.MDH@state.mn.us).

# Meeting Recap

- Members reviewed and voted on recommendations to convene a meeting to discuss financial assistance to spoken word health care interpreters.
- Members also voted on 5 recommendations on roster barriers.
- Member Rachel offered to read through the Recommendation Log to ensure consistency and make suggested edits to recommendations as many overlap and relate to one another.

# Final Discussion and Votes

Remaining topics = roster barriers and reimbursement recommendations



# Next Steps

- MDH will refine the overall recommendations and make them available to members of the public via the website, updates will also be available here [Spoken Language Health Care Interpreter Work Group](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/providers/interpreter/workgroup/index.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/providers/interpreter/workgroup/index.html>).
- Two public comment sessions will be held before the end of summer, as well as the opportunity for written comments to be submitted.
- MDH will further refine recommendations, taking into account the public comments, and make them submittable as legislative recommendations which are due November 1, 2026.
- Submit Expense Forms **for this meeting** to the SLHCIWG email address and **copy** [Rick.Michals@state.mn.us](mailto:Rick.Michals@state.mn.us) and [Julianna.Leintz@state.mn.us](mailto:Julianna.Leintz@state.mn.us).

# Thank You!

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