



Community Partner & SSB Staff Forum

January 14, 2025

HOUSEKEEPING

- Welcome to the SSB Community Partners + SSB Staff Forum.
- **ASL Interpreters** are designated as “co-hosts”, so they appear at the top of your participant list. If you need ability to “multi-pin” please message Susan.Kusz@state.mn.us .
- **Closed Captioning** is available. A livestream is linked in the chat.
- **Microphones:** Please keep your microphone muted unless you are talking and identify yourself when speaking.
- **Technical Issues:** If you have technical issues, please contact Jennifer.Beilke@state.mn.us.
- **Recording:** The session will be recorded and distributed by Gov.delivery along with the agenda, and presentation.

AGENDA

- **Welcome:** *Susan Kusz, Community Partner Relations and Contracts Specialist Assistant, Jennifer Beilke, Community Partner Relations and Contract Specialist and Natasha Jerde, SSB Director*
- **SSB Community Partners Team Updates and Announcements:** *Natasha Jerde, Susan Kusz, and Jennifer Beilke*
 - Director's Note
 - Progress Updates – Accessibility, Website, Monitoring Updates, Elevator Pitches, O & M Providers Group
- **Invoicing:** Angela Kraninger
- **Wrap up/Adjourn:** *Susan Kusz, Jennifer Beilke, and Natasha Jerde*



SSB Updates and Announcements

Susan Kusz, Jennifer Beilke, and Natasha Jerde



Updates and Announcements

- **Director's Note – *Natasha Jerde***
- **Progress Updates – *Susan Kusz, Jennifer Beilke***
 - **Accessibility**
 - **Website and CP Manual**
 - **Monitoring Update**
 - **Elevator Pitches – *Lisa Rogers***

- **News from the National Landscape**
- **Budget forecast**
- **Rulemaking**
- **DIF Grant**

Progress Updates – *Susan Kusz, Jennifer Beilke*

- **Accessibility**
- **Website and CP Manual**
- **Monitoring Update**
- **YesLMS – *Tara Sullivan***
- **Elevator Pitches – *Lisa Rogers***
- **O & M Community Providers – *Jennifer Pelletier***



INVOICING

Angela Kraninger – WDU Supervisor

- **Manual**
- **Invoicing template**
- **Workforce one pilot project**
- **Common Errors**

QUESTIONS



Thank You!

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2025 Drop In Café - February 11, 8:30 a.m.

2025 Quarterly Forums: April 8, July 8, October 14, 2025

Funding Notice

The Minnesota State Services for the Blind VR program receives 78.69 percent of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For federal fiscal year 2023, the total amount of grant funds awarded were \$10,410,449. The remaining 21.3 percent of the costs (\$2,817,568) were funded by Minnesota state appropriations.