

Minnesota LTSS Advisory Council

April 2026 Meeting

April 16, 2026

Greetings, Housekeeping, and Introductions

Housekeeping (1 of 3)

- Meeting is open to the public, in person and virtually
- Meeting will be recorded
- Recording will be made available to Members and the public after the meeting



Housekeeping (2 of 3)

- Public comment period is 4–4:30pm
- Sign-up for public comment during the scheduled meeting break at 2:30pm
 - Virtual sign up will be through the Zoom chat function
 - In-person sign-up will be done in the meeting room
- Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker
- Public attendees can only access chat/Q&A when enabled for public comment sign-up



Housekeeping (3 of 3)

- PCG will take meeting minutes, distribute them to the Council, and post them publicly after the Council approves
- Put any requests for accessibility and accommodation in chat
- Council members must adhere to meeting agreements as described in the Charter



Agenda Review

Agenda

- Adoption of February 19, 2026, Minutes & Action Item Status
- DHS—Governor’s Budget
- Community Partner Survey Findings
- Town Hall Planning
- Break & Public Comment Sign-Up
- Workgroup Updates and Recommendation Ideas Discussion
- Summary & Next Steps
- Public Comment Period



Adoption of February 19, 2026, Minutes and Action Item Status

February 19, 2026, Minutes & Action Items (1 of 2)

- Discuss any requested updates to the 2/19/2026 meeting minutes
- Roll call vote for adoption of minutes
- Action Items:

Action Item	Status
PCG/DHS compile meeting minutes and data requests with follow-up to send to the Council	Complete
PCG send out Community Partner Survey to the Council	Complete



February 19, 2026, Minutes & Action Items (2 of 2)

Action Item	Status
PCG will follow-up on the type of accessibility review completed for the Community Partner Survey	Complete
DHS will discuss internally if they can share any ideas not included in the Governor's budget based on trends they are seeing and follow-up with the Council	DHS doesn't have additional ideas to share beyond those included in the Governor's budget
DHS will discuss internally if they are able to run a CWF simulation and follow-up with the Council	In progress



DHS Presentation—Governor's Budget

Community Partner Survey Findings

Survey Overview

- The survey was administered to gather information from partners, families, and individuals who are impacted by LTSS
 - Goal is for the results to help the Council shape the final cost savings recommendations
- The survey was shared using an online link (open from March 9–31)
- The survey targeted the following populations:
 - Individuals who receive LTSS
 - Family caregivers or support individuals for people who receive LTSS
 - Individuals who serve in leadership roles at organizations that provide LTSS
 - Direct care workers
 - Individuals who work for a county, managed-care organization, and/or tribal nation
- Total of 716 complete responses across all groups

Respondent Breakdown

- County/MCO/Tribal Nation— 76% of respondents, with strong lead agency representation
 - Of these, county staff represented 94% of respondents, with MCOs representing 4% and Tribal Nations 2%
- Family caregivers and people receiving services combined represent 15% of responses, providing perspectives from direct service users
- Respondents represented ALL 9 in-scope LTSS programs

Type of Respondent	Percentage of Responses
County/MCO/Tribal Nation	76%
Family Caregivers	13%
Provider Leadership	7%
Direct Care Workers	2%
People Receiving LTSS	2%



What Do You Want the Council to Know about LTSS Services? What Is Most important and why?

- Services are essential, not optional
- Administrative barriers are extremely prevalent, and it is hard to access services (even when they are offered)
- Reducing services based on assumed informal support will leave the most vulnerable unsupported
- The quality of case management is highly variable
- Workforce shortage is a ground-level crisis
- Transportation budgets can be inadequate in all areas of the state
- CDCS flexibility serves critical equipment/dietary needs
- Technology enables community living and prevents institutionalization



Which Area Should the State Focus on to Find Savings?

Total Response Rates by Category:

- Eligibility Requirements: 37% (261)
- LTSS Services: 27% (193)
- Provider Rates: 20% (146)
- Other: 16% (116)

“Other” Category: Areas to Focus on to Provide Savings

All Top Responses

- All three areas need attention
- Eliminate/reform CFSS Consultation Services
- Reduce administrative burden & streamline processes
- Fraud prevention and provider accountability
- Rate reform (caps, transparency, equity)
- Technology & systems modernization
- CDCS/paid parent concerns
- Eligibility requirements are too broad
- Increase provider training and oversight

Themes

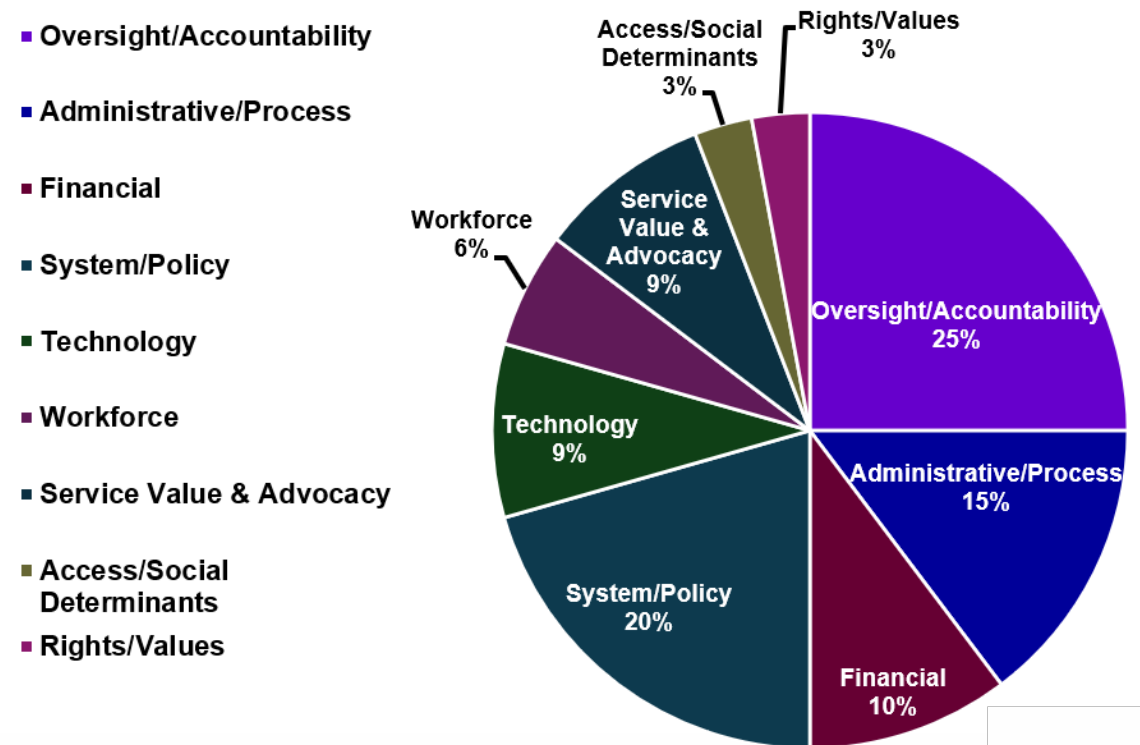
- #1 message: Don't pick just ONE area— all three need attention simultaneously
- CFSS Consultation Services reform— most-cited specific cost savings opportunity
- Administrative burden reduction and fraud prevention appear in every respondent group
- Rate inequity between disability waivers and Elderly Waiver mentioned repeatedly



Do You Have Any Feedback or Suggestions for Reducing Costs in the Service Provision Process?

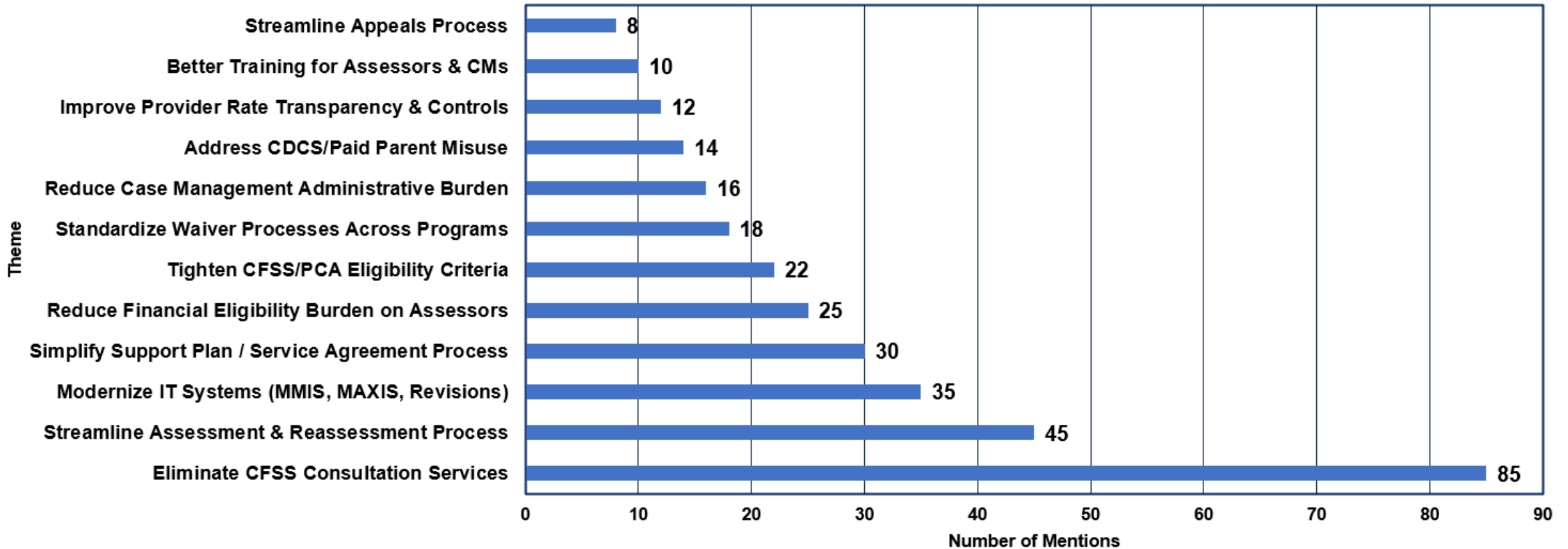
- Cut administrative red tape — redundant paperwork, CFSS complexity, duplicate processes
- Stronger oversight and accountability
- Rate caps, like the Elderly Waiver model, extending budget discipline to disability waivers
- Technology modernization and program consolidation

Distribution of Theme Categories



In What Ways Can Areas of Duplication Be Cut without Impacting Services?

County/MCO/Tribal Nation: Where to Cut Duplication (303 responses)



What Is the Best Way for Medicaid to Save Money without Reducing Quality of Care?

- Tighten eligibility and nursing facility level of care (NF LOC) standards
- Eliminate/reform CFSS consultation process
- Stronger fraud prevention and provider oversight
- Rate caps and budget limits for Disability Waivers
- Address CDCS/paid parent misuse
- Reduce administrative burdens
- Invest in case management quality and pay
- Modernize technology and systems
- Utilize State-Plan services before waivers
- Standardize county practices
- Regulate residential/community living provider rates
- Reform appeals process
- Preventive care and community resources



Takeaways

- Overall, a great response rate!
 - Thank you for sharing the survey
- Opportunity to target getting more diverse perspectives through the Town Hall meetings (discuss in next section for Town Hall planning)
- Please refer to the full report for more details
 - Let PCG/DHS or workgroups know if there are other responses you'd like to discuss further
- In the last half of the meeting, we'll revisit the themes discussed as they relate to discussions of workgroup recommendation ideas

Town Hall Planning

Purpose

- **Town halls will:**
 - Gather feedback from community partners on recommendation ideas under consideration by the Council
 - Provide additional opportunities to gather perspectives from people less represented in the Community Partner Survey responses
- **Today's discussion will focus on:**
 - Proposed structure of town halls
 - Questions to solicit input
 - Audience
 - Timeline and number of engagements

Proposed Approach

Structure:

- Brief overview of Council's work
- Summary of recommendation ideas
- Structured questions to solicit participant feedback on recommendation ideas under consideration

Sample Questions for Live Participation:

- Rating scale (least impact to most impact on service users)
- Select most preferred recommendation idea
- Open comment
- Select from list of potential impacts

Questions for Council Discussion:

- Do Council members have other suggestions for structure?
- What are your suggestions for participant questions?
- What are your suggestions for methods to gather participant responses?

Audience & Timeline

Audience

- Providers
- Small and/or culturally-specific providers
- Community partners
- People served and their families

Sessions:

- Three 90-minute virtual sessions

Timeline:

- June 23, 2026, through July 15, 2026

Questions for Council Discussion:

- Ideas for increasing engagement for less represented groups in the Community Partner Survey responses?
- Should there be any in-person sessions? If so, which ones? Where?
- Other considerations?

Break and Public Comment Sign-Up

Break—10 Minutes



Workgroup Updates & Recommendation Ideas Discussion

Workgroup Updates



Eligibility

Leads: Jay & Louella



Benefits

Leads: Alex & Addyson



Provider Rates

Leads: Lori & Darla

Streamline CFSS (Benefits Workgroup)

Idea: Eliminate CFSS Consultation Services

Members share their perspectives on this idea and discuss:

- How do considerations such as Community Partner Survey feedback and current legislative initiatives impact this option?
- Are there implementation barriers that affect the viability of this option?
- What additional questions need to be answered for this to be a viable option for a recommendation?

Elderly Waiver Requirement (Benefits Workgroup)

Idea: Policy requirement that participants age 65 and over go on the Elderly Waiver

Members share their perspectives on this idea and discuss:

- How do considerations such as Community Partner Survey feedback and current legislative initiatives impact this option?
- Are there implementation barriers that affect the viability of this option?
- What additional questions need to be answered for this to be a viable option for a recommendation?

Exhaust Other Funding Sources (Eligibility, Benefits Workgroups)

Idea: Require that other funding sources be used before waiver services

Members share their perspectives on this idea and discuss:

- How do considerations such as Community Partner Survey feedback and current legislative initiatives impact this option?
- Are there implementation barriers that affect the viability of this option?
- What additional questions need to be answered for this to be a viable option for a recommendation?

Service Authorization Unit Limits (Benefits, Eligibility Workgroups)

Idea: Implement unit limits for certain services (TBD through further workgroup discussions)

Members share their perspectives on this idea and discuss:

- How do considerations such as Community Partner Survey feedback and current legislative initiatives impact this option?
- Are there implementation barriers that affect the viability of this option?
- What additional questions need to be answered for this to be a viable option for a recommendation?

Increase Shared Staffing (Benefits, Provider Rates Workgroups)

Idea: Increased shared staffing options for Individualized Home Supports (IHS)

Members share their perspectives on this idea and discuss:

- How do considerations such as Community Partner Survey feedback and current legislative initiatives impact this option?
- Are there implementation barriers that affect the viability of this option?
- What additional questions need to be answered for this to be a viable option for a recommendation?

Reinstate TEFRA Fees (Eligibility Workgroup)

Idea: Reinstate parental fees based on income level

Members share their perspectives on this idea and discuss:

- How do considerations such as Community Partner Survey feedback and current legislative initiatives impact this option?
- Are there implementation barriers that affect the viability of this option?
- What additional questions need to be answered for this to be a viable option for a recommendation?

Counties Cover Cost Overturned Service Denials (Eligibility Workgroup)

Idea: Counties reimburse appeal costs to the state for overturned service denials

Members share their perspectives on this idea and discuss:

- How do considerations such as Community Partner Survey feedback and current legislative initiatives impact this option?
- Are there implementation barriers that affect the viability of this option?
- What additional questions need to be answered for this to be a viable option for a recommendation?

DHS Loan Program Reversion (Provider Rates)

Idea: Eliminate LTSS Loan Program and apply remaining funds to cost savings target

Members share their perspectives on this idea and discuss:

- How do considerations such as Community Partner Survey feedback and current legislative initiatives impact this option?
- Are there implementation barriers that affect the viability of this option?
- What additional questions need to be answered for this to be a viable option for a recommendation?

Summary and Next Steps

Meeting Summary and Next Steps

- General questions/comments from Council members
- Recap meeting themes and action items

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Solutions that Matter