Thursday and Friday, September 27-28, 2018

Thursday, September 27
Association of Minnesota Counties Boardroom
Address: 125 Charles Ave., St. Paul

**Homework:** Please ask a private business owner in your county *(outside of your family)* about their concerns related to hiring and retaining staff. We will share these stories regarding local and regional workforce concerns.

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| 1:00-1:45pm | Welcome & Sharing Homework  
*Todd Patzer and Deb Gruber, FUTURES Co-Chairs* |
| 2:00pm    | Minnesota Employers' Fair Chance Hiring Guide and More!  
*Jacquelyn Carpenter, Twin Cities Rise* |
| 3:15pm    | Break                                                                |
| 3:30pm    | Work Session & County Hiring Connections                          |
| 4:00pm    | Membership Conversation  
*Julie Ring, AMC Executive Director* |
| 4:45-5:30pm | Dinner                                                              |
| 5:30-6:45pm | Better Angels: Bridging the Partisan Divide  
*Bill Doherty, Professor, UM College of Education and Human Development  
Laura Russ, Better Angels Regional Coordinator* |

_Twin Cities Rise!_ assists individuals in poverty on the path to long-term and stable employment. Their work skills training prepares participants with the skills they’ll need on the job. And through internship opportunities, job search assistance, and employment placement services, we work with participants to find meaningful employment. Coaches provide one-on-one support, partnering with participants for a year after they’ve landed their jobs. _Twin Cities Rise!_ focuses on long term results – with 81% of graduates staying at jobs after one year, the 12-month job retention rates are nearly twice the national average.

Their curriculum goes beyond teaching – through the signature "Personal Empowerment" program, we provide transformative change that fosters self-confidence and self-reliance.

Bill and Laura will share their work connected with the "Better Angels" initiative. "Better Angels" is a national citizens' movement to reduce political polarization in the U.S. by bringing liberals and conservatives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes, forming red/blue community alliances, teaching practical skills for communicating across political differences, and making a strong public argument for depolarization.
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8:15-8:45am  Welcome & Coffee
                *Todd Patzer and Deb Gruber, FUTURES Co-Chairs*

8:45-9:45am  Snapshots of Workforce Data and Models that Work
                *Jessica Miller, DEED Workforce Strategy Consultant*

Statewide workforce changes are rapidly shaping communities across Minnesota. We will hear about the data trends and stories of models that work – including strategies to become the “places of opportunity” for future employees and families for years to come.

10:00-11:00am Kandiyohi CEO: Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities
                *Tyler Gehring, Director of Kandiyohi CEO High School Program*

In this innovative high school program, students learn from local business owners about what it takes to become a successful entrepreneur. KCEO classes will visit fifty to sixty businesses and have up to forty guest speakers throughout each academic year. It is the goal of the CEO program to help students to view the Kandiyohi area as a “place of opportunity” and to provide them with the skills and confidence to help move it forward.

11:15-11:45am Updates & Fall Overview
                *AMC Policy Analysts*

Talk with the AMC Policy Analysts about the Fall Policy Conference and platform developments as we look toward fall District Meetings.

**LODGING:** The Best Western Capitol Ridge is offering AMC members a rate of $109.00 which includes a complimentary hot breakfast. The [Best Western Capitol Ridge](https://www.bwcapitolridge.com/) is located less than a mile from AMC at 161 Saint Anthony Avenue, St Paul. [Click here for directions.](https://www.bwcapitolridge.com/)

To receive this rate, please call 651-227-8711, press option 1 to be connected to the front desk & ask for the ”AMC group rate” arranged by Chad Kolness, Regional Director of Sales.

**Upcoming Event:** AMC will host the first Local Government Workplace Symposium at the MinnWest Technology campus on **October 18 & 19**.

This Futures-style Symposium will focus on strategies to lead, engage, attract and retain local government staff with tours, presentations by local innovators, a child care panel, and an Employee Engagement workshop from NACo.

**Please join us! To register and for more info:**