

Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation facing seven percent funding cut

Nonprofit in Buffalo relying on state and federal funds already struggling to hire and retain workers as private sector puts pressure on staff recruitment and retention

Concerned that the State of Minnesota is placing further stress on a complex disability service system that has left Functional Industries in Buffalo and other providers struggling for years, the Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation (MOHR), its service provider members and the families and individuals with disabilities they serve now face a seven percent cut in funding.

A direct threat to service providers, the cuts involve complex formulas that

determine rates paid to disability service providers which are tied to an inflationary factor and funding agreements with the federal government. A House bill led by Rep. Joe Schomacker and Senate bill authored by Sen. Paul Utke would alleviate the problem, which, if left unaddressed, could mean damaging cuts that are permanent.

More information is available at mohrmn.org. Representing more than 100 providers in the state, MOHR members provide skills training, employment services, community involvement, behavioral supports and life enrichment activities to more than 26,000 individuals with disabilities in Minnesota.

