



Melissa Martinez-Sones Bio

Melissa Martinez-Sones joined Meyer Consulting in 2014 and provides project management, facilitation, search, and Interim Executive Director services. Melissa brings a wealth of leadership, facilitation and project management experience from her work with neighborhood organizations in both Minneapolis and Saint Paul. She's been an Executive Director for two neighborhood-based organizations, worked as a Councilmember's Aide, developed internal policy and worked on SHIP-related programming for the City of Minneapolis, and worked on several complex projects involving a wide variety of elected officials, constituents, and community partners. She focuses on working with all stakeholders to achieve solutions to challenging issues.

Melissa holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies and Sociology from Hamline University, and a Master's of Public Affairs from the Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota where she focused on Public Health Leadership and received the Thomas H. Swain Fellowship in Public Leadership.

Work Experience

- Southeast Seniors, Transition Support and Strategic Planner
- Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association, Strategic Planner
- LatinoLEAD, Interim Executive Director
- Homeownership Opportunity Alliance, Project Manager
- Center for Community Health, Director of Operations
- NECHAMA, Strategic Planner
- Dakota County Community Services, Project Manager
- St. Paul Smart Trips, Interim Executive Director
- Transit for Livable Communities, Interim Executive Director and Search Support
- Minnesota Psychiatry Society, Strategic Planner
- Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Rape, Search Consultant
- CapitolRiver Council, Executive Director
- Macalester-Groveland Community Council, Executive Director
- District Councils Collaborative, Strategic Planner
- Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association, Strategic Planner and Search Support
- Heart-n-Soul Community Cafe, Strategic Planner
- Twin Cities MetroIBA, Search Consultant
- Forecast Public Art, Strategic Planner
- MNCASA, Search Consultant
- Saint Paul City Council, Ward 4, Interim Councilmember Aide
- Department of Health and Family Services, City of Minneapolis, Project Manager
- Open Arms of Minnesota, Executive Assistant
- Seward Neighborhood Group, Community Organizer
- District 7 Planning Council, Community Organizer

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Urban Studies & Sociology, Hamline University

Master of Public Affairs, Public Health Leadership, Humphrey School, University of Minnesota