Wisdom Ways Program Update

October 2026

This update addresses the ongoing development of Wisdom Ways programming and staff as we navigate capacity challenges, process refinement , and our own growth as part of Accola – **and ask you to join us on December 5th!**

Staffing and Capacity

On September 28, former Wisdom Ways Director Haven Green returned to Wisdom Ways before announcing, on October 7, that they would resign. Interim Director Danielle Clausnitzer and Programs and Operations Specialist Wildjy Sunel remain on staff and share a commitment to both refining internal processes and hosting successful programs. Danielle and Wildjy have worked to construct a singular Fall program, Our Ancestors' Table, which will take place on December 5th at the Neighborhood House in St. Paul, Minnesota and ensure proper promotional strategy.

Interim Director, Danielle Clausnitzer, has continued her work with VPs Andree Aronson and Tiffany Melnik to construct a better idea of future opportunities for growth at Wisdom Ways. This included continued conversations about consulting opportunities for Wisdom Ways and continuing work to align Wisdom Ways' mission with the larger Accola organization.

Summer of Soul 2026

Summer of Soul was a resounding success with 175 diverse participants, 18 different presenters all representing varied perspectives and cultures, and 3 well attended and meaningful programs. Wisdom Ways tested new locations, topics, and approaches that seemed to resonate widely with our growing audience and kept us in conversation with the wider mission of Accola as we brought communities together to meet their own needs, and the needs of dear neighbor, during our June, July, and August gatherings.

Mission Development

One of our priorities as we work to expand our attendance at programs is unification with the larger Accola organization and the residents and students it serves. Wisdom Ways is working to refine its processes to ensure that the needs of those we serve are met not only at Learning in Style and Sarah's Oasis but also through Wisdom Ways' programming.

Partnership Updates

Wisdom Ways leadership has been in conversation with consociate and Director of Twin Cities Nonviolent to establish a programming partnership resulting in a proposed series of meals related to food insecurity and justice and is working to expand its partnerships with the Minnesota Multifaith Network and similar non-profit organizations through this work.

Board Action Items:

Wisdom Ways needs promotion and attendees for our upcoming events to increase our attendance. Please, if you can, attend any upcoming events or share the information about the event with someone (or multiple someones!) you know. We are offering free attendance for BIPOC people with code BIPOCFREE and a BOGO deal for non-BIPOC people when they buy two tickets and use code BOGO. Thank you!