



Nebraska *Olmstead* Advisory Committee Guidelines

A. Background and Current Purpose

The *Olmstead* Advisory Committee was formed and began meeting in August 2018 in order to assist in the drafting of Nebraska's first *Olmstead* plan, in collaboration with the *Olmstead* Steering Group. The initial plan was completed and submitted to the legislature in December 2019.

The current purpose and design of the the Advisory Committee is to serve as the stakeholder voice and group that advises on and reviews the status of plan outcomes, strategies, and goals of the *Olmstead* Plan. The Advisory Committee collaboratively assists in the review and development of the *Olmstead* Plan, provides on-going advice on implementation, refinement, and future updates and revisions to the plan. The Advisory Committee also provides advice on the many topics addressed by the *Olmstead* plan and topics important to Nebraskans with disabilities.

The Advisory group includes individuals with disabilities, providers and other state agencies not represented on the *Olmstead* Steering Group.

B. Membership:

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-6,122, the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Service shall appoint and convene a stakeholder advisory committee to assist in the review of the *Olmstead* Plan. The Advisory Committee, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-6,122, includes representatives from:

1. The State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services;
2. The Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities;
3. The Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council;
4. The Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities;
5. The Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education;
6. The Public Service Commission;
7. The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing;
8. The Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired;
9. A Housing Authority in a City of the First or Second Class;
10. A Housing Authority in a City of the Primary or Metropolitan Class;
11. The Assistive Technology Partnership;
12. The Protection and Advocacy System for Nebraska (Disability Rights Nebraska);
13. An Assisted Living Organization;

14. The Behavioral Health Regions;
15. Mental Health Practitioners;
16. Developmental Disability Service Providers;
17. An Organization that advocates for Persons with Developmental Disabilities;
18. An Organization that advocates for Persons with Mental Illness;
19. An Organization that advocates for persons with Brain Injuries;
20. An Area Agency on Aging;
21. Two Persons with Disabilities representing Self-Advocacy Organizations; and
22. At the Department's discretion, other persons with expertise in programs serving persons with disabilities.

C. Open Meetings:

When appropriate, Advisory Committee meetings will be open to the public and conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1407 et seq.

D. Member Duties OR Functions:

1. Attend Advisory Group meetings, if unable to attend, it is requested that an alternate representative attend;
2. Welcome to participate in workgroups;
3. Prepare for participation in discussion and providing input by reviewing meeting materials; and
4. Inform the member's agency or stakeholder group about Advisory Committee activities and actions.

E. DHHS Responsibilities:

1. Provide materials to the Advisory Committee members in a timely manner prior to Advisory Committee meetings;
2. Provide the Advisory Committee with educational opportunities;
3. Provide regular updates to plan implementation; and
4. Assist with obtaining information requested by the Committee.