



**DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** 

## 12/14/20 Olmstead Advisory Committee Meeting

## Zoom Link/Information

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Meeting ID: 991 8129 4360 Passcode: 415129

- 1. Welcome and Roll call
- 2. Discussion of COVID-19 pandemic and impact on plan
- 3. Presentation of progress
- 4. Next steps:
  - a. TAC report timelines:
    - i. Report to Health and Human Services 12/15/2020
    - ii. Report to Legislature 12/15/2021
- 5. Public Comments

## **Outline of Nebraska Open Meetings Act**

On November 25, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued Executive Order No. 20-36, "Corona Virus — Public Meetings Requirement Limited Waiver" ("Order"). This Order is essentially identical to Executive Order No. 20-03, issued at the onset of the pandemic on March 17, 2020. Like the previous executive order, this Order provides a limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act ("Act"), Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-1407 to 84-1414 (2014, Cum. Supp. 2018, Supp. 2019). The Order permits public bodies in the state to meet by videoconferencing, telephone conference call, or other electronic means so long as members of the public and the media are provided access to the meetings. The Order requires that any public body that elects to meet by electronic means (1) provide reasonable advance publicized notice of its meeting and (2) prepare an agenda of items to be discussed at the meeting. See Neb. Rev. Stat § 84-1411(1) (Supp. 2019). Public bodies must meet all other requirements of the Act. The Order applies to all public meetings beginning December 1 through January 31, 2021. All guidance previously issued by the Attorney General pertaining to Executive Order No. 20-03 is applicable to the new Order. You may access guidance here.