



Nebraska Olmstead Advisory Committee Meeting

May 18, 2021 10:00 am-11:30 am (Central Time)

1. Welcome
2. Roll call

Advisory Members Present:

Name:	Representing:	Name:	Representing:
Mary Angus	Self-Advocate	Kathy Hoell	NE Statewide Indep. Living Council
Penny Clark	Long-Term Care Ombudsman	Randy Jones	Area Agency on Aging
Mark Bulger	Self-Advocate	Sherri Jones	Univ. of NE – Dept. of Spec. Ed.
Diane DeLair	Disability Rights NE	Anita Doggett	Scottsbluff Housing Authority
Kristen Larsen	NE Council on DD	Kim Davis	On behalf of John Wyvill- Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Tobias Orr	Asstive Technology Partnership	Mark Smith	UCEDD
Mark McDonald	NE Dept. of Veterans Affairs	John Wyvill	Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Gloria Eddins	Dept. of Administrative Services – ADA Coordinator	Jennifer Acierno	NE Leading Age
Deb Anderson	NE Dept. of Labor	Amie Larson	NE Dept. of Corrections
Lindy Foley	NE Vocational Rehabilitation	Allison Hatch	NE Dept. of Economic Development
Cindy Kadavy	NE Healthcare Association	Kari Ruse	NE Depart. Of Transportation
Carlos Serván	Commission for Blind & Visually Impaired	Joni Thomas	Self-Advocate/Nebraska Total Care

Advisory Members Not Present:

Name:	Representing:	Name:	Representing:
Tiffany Hobbs-Banks	People First-Self Advocate	Sharon Dalrymple	Family Member
Tony Vargas	NASP	Lindsey Tuxhorn	NE Occupational Therapy Association
Candace Bottorf	NE Dept. of Corrections	Martha Hakencamp	Lincoln Housing Authority
Keri Bennett	Brain Injury Advocacy Organization	Peg Huss	DD Advisory Committee
Patricia Jurjevich	Behavioral Health – Region 6	Cindy Kadavy	NE Healthcare Assoc. – Asst. Liv.
Lauri Holman	State Advisory Committee Mental Health	Bill Reay	Omni
Julie Scott	Probation-Adult Division	Crystal Rhoades	Public Service Commission
Julie Smith	Probation-Juvenile Division	Thomas Arnspenger	Legislative Aide-Senator Walz

Roger Stortenbecker	DD Service Provider	Joni Thomas	Self-Advocate/Nebraska Total Care
Allison Hatch	Dept. of Economic Development	Marna Munn	Equal Opportunity Commission
Jessica Barrett	People First-Self-Advocate	Payne Ackerman	Family Member

DHHS Staff Present

Tony Green	Director – DDD	Linda Wittmus	Deputy Director - DBH
Heather Leschinsky	Olmstead Administrator - DDD	Roger Robinson	Deputy Director – CFS
Caryn Vincent	Acting Deputy Director - DPH	Josie Rodriguez	Office Health Disparities and Health Equity– DPH
Brenda Moes	Office of Consumer Affairs - DBH	Kathy Scheele	Administrator, Medicaid and Long-Term Care

3. Review of Minutes from March 19, 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting

- ✓ No comments on the Minutes;
- ✓ Questions about who the representative is for the Organization that Advocates for Persons with Developmental Disabilities;
 - After further follow-up, Mary Angus was identified as the representative that advocates for people with Developmental Disabilities;
- ✓ Kathy Hoell requested the minutes reflect her opposition to a provider group being the representative for the DD Advocate;
- ✓ Mary Angus requested the minutes reflect the same opposition.

Powerpoint presentation shared with closed captioning capabilities.

4. Get Involved Application

- ✓ To apply to be a member of one of the Olmstead workgroups;
- ✓ Available on the DHHS website at:
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Olmstead-Workgroup-Application.aspx>
- ✓ Printable form also available and can be submitted to the Olmstead email address;
- ✓ Link to the application will be sent out for distribution through advocacy listservs.

5. Review Proposed Advisory Committee Charter

- ✓ Comments that the Member Expectations and Responsibilities fall outside of the statute;
- ✓ Comment that the Advisory Committee need to be defining the expectation and responsibilities and DHHS;

- ✓ Mary Angus commented that not all members are aware of the issues needing to be addressed by the Olmstead plan;
- ✓ Kathy Hoell commented that Member Expectations should be removed and there should be a reflection that all comments, negative or positive be allowed;
- ✓ Kristen Larsen comment addressed there should be accountability to attend meetings for members;
- ✓ Advisory committee not ready to make decisions on the document; proposed separate meeting for members to discuss further;
- ✓ No members opposed to separate meeting to draft Advisory Committee guidelines;
- ✓ Heather will send out doodle poll to Advisory Committee members for closed session to address guidelines.

6. Review Calendar Year 2021 Quarter One Progress Report

- ✓ Question on the complaint process for DHHS reviewed;
- ✓ Advisory committee asked for a copy of the complaint assessment and the regulations governing the process within licensure and that the assessment and regulations be included in the minutes
 - Statue and Regulation that govern licensure of healthcare facilities:
 - [https://www.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health and Human Services System/Title-175/Chapter-04.pdf](https://www.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health%20and%20Human%20Services%20System/Title-175/Chapter-04.pdf)
 - <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/Facilities-HealthCareFacilities.pdf>
 - [https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/Standards f or Facilities.pdf](https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/Standards%20for%20Facilities.pdf)

7. Updates from Workgroups

- a. Education and Employment
 - ✓ No comments or questions received.
- b. Housing
 - ✓ No comments or questions received.
- c. Data
 - ✓ No coments or questions received.

8. Next Steps

- ✓ Drafting of a revised plan in the SMART goal format;
- ✓ Advisory group will be meeting monthly.

9. Public Comment

- ✓ Joe Valenti provided public comment that the Olmstead plan is missing recognition of institutional level of care; especially the ICF level of care.

Next Meeting: June 24, 2021; 11:00 am Central Time