

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2018

I. Call to order

Joseph Valenti called to order the regular meeting of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:10 am on July 12, 2018 at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level C, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Advisory Members Present: Sue Coles, Joseph Valenti, Lorrie Bryant, Diane Focht, Linda Jespersen, Edison McDonald, Lisa Pruitt, MaryAnn Schiefen, Norma Mercer, Margaret Huss, Wayne Stuberg

Advisory Members Absent: Butch Crookedfoot, Debbie Salomon, Michael Tufte, Joyce Werner, Dianne DeLair, Cathy Martinez, William Ehegartner, Kristen Larsen

DHHS Staff: Tony Green, Tammy Westfall, Tyla Watson, Brad Wilson, Anna Bromberg

Public: Tiffany Gleason

III. Review/Approval of Order of Business

Motion made by Edison McDonald to move (e) election of Vice President and Secretary to (a) under new business. Seconded by Lorrie Bryant. Motion Carried.

IV. Review/Approval of Minutes

- Draft Minutes corrections: Date on the Document corrected to say 2018 instead of 2019. MaryAnn Schiefen's name was spelled incorrect throughout the document.
- Motion made by Edison McDonald to approve minutes as amended. Seconded by Lorrie Bryant
- The minutes were approved as amended.

V. National Core Indicators Report – Brad Wilson & Wayne Stuberg

- Power Point presentation shared with Committee
- Both full report and state specific report can be found online at:
<https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/>

VI. Unfinished Business

- a) Corrections and Senators invite to a meeting - Letters have been drafted but have not been sent.
- b) Share of Cost: Letters have been sent out to all individuals and providers.

VII. Set meeting dates

- September 6 (Thursday), 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- November 1 (Thursday), Time TBD, Day vs Evening meeting – Tyla to send a poll to committee to vote.
- February 22 (Friday), 10:00 am– 2:00 pm

VIII. DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities Report – Tony Green & Tammy Westfall

a) DD Court-Ordered Custody Act (DDCOCA)

- 21 Active DDCOCA cases and 1 Pending.
- Since the May 10 meeting we have had two cases dismissed by the Court and have brought in two new individuals
- Current Residence
 - 9 reside in an Extended Family Home with DD Community Based Provider
 - 9 reside in a Group Home with DD Community Based Provider
 - 2 reside in Personal home with DD Community Based Supports
 - 1 temporarily housed at NRC until bed opens at BSDC Crisis Stabilization Unit

b) Systems Updated

- Cindy Ashmore-Blunck – New District 3 Administrator
- Quality Management Team has hired 6 Quality Control Specialists (3 more to be hired)
- Governor launched the Departments 3rd Business Plan and priority initiatives July 11, 2018
 - Handouts shared with Committee – 2018 Quick Reference Guide and 2017 Wrap up Guide
 - Full plan available online at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/>

c) Rate Rebase and Objective Assessment Redesign Project (OAP) Update

- Rate Rebase – Phase I
 - Service Definitions are currently being reviewed by CMS.
 - Hope to be able to post for comment yet this week.
 - Anticipated January 1 implementation date for service definitions and rates.
- OAP - Phase II
 - First Advisory Group meetings were held this week (July 10-11) –3 groups:
 - Clinicians;
 - Independent Providers & Agency Providers;
 - Individuals, Guardians and Advocates.
 - Next meetings to be held in January.

d) Disability Services Stakeholder Olmstead Planning Advisory Committee (LB1033) Update

- Final Draft Contract currently w/ Legal
- Anticipated effective date by end of month

e) State Transition Plan Update

- MLTC recently completed a public comment session that ran from May 25-June 25. Information about the statewide transition plan was posted in the Omaha World Herald and online.
- There were 9 in-person comment sessions across the state and had good turnout with lots of feedback. MLTC is currently processing through the questions and comments.

VII. New Business

a) Election of Vice President and Secretary

- Vice –President - Joseph Valenti nominated by Edison McDonald, 2nd by Wayne Stuberg. No other nominees. Appointment carried.
- Secretary – MaryAnn Schiefen – nominated by Edison McDonald, 2nd by Norma Mercer. No other nominees. Appointment carried.

b) Vocational Rehabilitation

- Issue: School miss informing that people have to wait until 18 or 21 to access Vocation Rehabilitation. This is not correct they can start at 14. (Edison McDonald)
 - Motion Made by Edison and 2nd by Linda Jespersen – Request the Division provide an update on the collaboration between Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division on education of people (especially those in Education i.e. ESU's) at the September meeting. Motion carried.
- Issue: Project Search. 36 week work training/internship program. The program is no longer funded with changes between DDD & Vocational Rehabilitation. People are being un-invited to participate in the program due to funding. This has created an unfortunate issue for the people receiving these supports. (Wayne Stuberg)
 - No action items identified.

c) Insurance

- Issue: Medicaid for Insurance for individuals with Disabilities. Edison has been working on legislative resolution with Senator Linehan & Senator Crawford. (Edison McDonald)
- No action items identified.

d) Mental Health and Developmental Disability

- Issue: Lack of Training on Dual Diagnosis – Providers and Clinical Support (Edison McDonald)
 - Division has offered an enhanced risk rate for providers, the providers are to come back and update the division on what they were able to accomplish with those extra funds and try to determine what other supports may be needed. The committee requests that the Division provide an update at the February 2019 meeting regarding how the providers additional crisis funding went. (Edison McDonald)

e) Service Providers

- Issues: Distinction between independent and specialization providers. Independent providers are concerned about being able to continue providing services with the new requirements. (Edison McDonald)
 - No action items identified.
- Issue: High turnover rates. There isn't a consistent base curriculum online or anywhere provider have access to. Every provider has their own policies and procedures but there still should be some base curriculum for service providers to have. (Wayne Stuberg)
 - No action items identified.

f) Waiting List

- Waiting List – 1629, Registry - 1121
- Request the Division provide additional information about why people are on the registry vs the waiting list at the September meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

- Edison McDonald - Disability Pride day is tomorrow, 07/13, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the North stairs of the capitol. Everyone is invited.

IX. Adjournment

- Joseph Valenti adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM
- Next meeting to be held:
 - September 6, 2018
 - 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
 - Lower Level A
 - Nebraska State Office Building
 - 301 Centennial Mall South
 - Lincoln, NE