

# *Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee*

## *Meeting Notes*

June 20, 2019

### **I. Call to order**

Joseph Valenti called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 20, 2019 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:** Joeseeph Valenti, Margaret Huss, Diane Focht, Lisa Pruitt, Linda Jespersen, MaryAnn Schiefen, Kristen Larsen, Jennifer Miller, Debbie Salomon, Diana DeLair, William Ehegartner, Wayne Stuberg, Janelle Smith, Butch Crookedfoot  
**Advisory Members Absent:** Cathy Martinez, Norma Mercer, Vicki Deppenbusch, Lori Broady, Angela Willey

**DHHS Staff:** Courtney Miller, Tyla Watson, Brad Wilson

**Other Individuals Present:** Edison McDonald, Robert Davis

### **III. Review/Approval of Order of Business**

Wayne Stuberg made a motion to approve the order of business as presented, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Salomon. The order of business was approved as presented.

### **IV. Approval of minutes from February Meeting**

MaryAnn Schiefen made a motion to approve minutes as presented, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Stuberg. The minutes were approved as presented.

### **V. Vocational Rehabilitation – Lindy Foley**

- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) has been in Order of Selection since 2017
- As of March 41 out of 78 VR areas were in order of selection, not just a Nebraska issue.
- VR has closed groups 2 & 3 and are making an effort to remove people off the waiting list.
- Priority 1 has approx. 2150 waiting for services. Approx. 24% are DD eligible.
- Discussion followed.

### **VI. National Core Indicators – Brad Wilson & Wayne Stuberg**

- Brad Wilson and Wayne Stuberg presented the National Core Indicators Project Nebraska results for 2017-2018.
- PowerPoint PDF and 2017-2018 Executive Summary emailed to committee members prior to meeting.
- Discussion followed.

- Kristen Larsen made a motion, seconded by Diana DeLair, that the Committee send a letter to Courtney with a cc to the Governor expressing our support in continuing the NCI. Motion Carried. Kristen Larsen, Dianne Delair, and Wayne Stuberg volunteered to draft.

## **VII. DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities – Updates/Review of Action Items**

### a) DD Court-Ordered Custody Act (COCA)

- 26 – Active DD COCA cases
- 2 – Pending DD COCA cases
- Since April Meeting - 1 pending case was dismissed and 1 new pending case

### b) Waitlist

- As of June 1, 2019:
  - 2361 on Waitlist
  - 389 on the waitlist are minors
  - 204 newly eligible in calendar year 2019

### c) Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver Systems Update

1. Waiver Amendment submitted 03/21/2019
  - June 13 informal responses to CMS, 90 day clock ends on June 19. June 19, 90 day clock will start with response.
2. Appendix K: Emergency Preparedness & Response approved May 21, 2019
  - Providers in process of submitting claims for reimbursement.

### d) Rate Rebase and Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update

- Optumas provided DD leadership with a preliminary risk adjustment model update on 6/4/19 and gave feedback.
- Advisory group's next meetings are scheduled the week of 10/2.
- Discussion Followed

## **VIII. Olmstead Plan Update**

- Handout: Olmstead Planning Guidance Document Prepared by Technical Assistance Collaborative
- Olmstead Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, June 21, 2019 – Lower Level A
- Discussion followed.

## **IX. Unfinished Business**

### a) Code of Conduct

- Handout: Code of Conduct Rules for Members – Handout developed by Joeseeph Valenti, Jennifer Miller, MaryAnn Schiefen, and Peg Huss
- Discussion followed.

**X. New Business**

a) Future Meeting Dates and Times

- Motion made by Wayne Stuber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Salomon to have Tyla Watson send out a poll regarding meetings with three options 1) half day meetings, 2) Leave as is: 10:00 – 2:00 PM and 3) Half evening Meetings to allow members to rate their preferences. To be discussed at the August meeting. Motion carried.
- Discussion Followed

b) Members with Terms Ending/Requesting Reappointment

- Some member's terms are ending in July
- If interested in reapplying can do so at: <https://governor.nebraska.gov/board-comm-req>

**XI. Public Comment**

- Edison McDonald, ARC of Nebraska: Wanted to make sure that the committee was aware that the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging lost their transportation funding due to the 2010 census. They were reclassified from a rural to urban area.

**XII. Adjournment**

Next meeting to be held:

Thursday, August 22, 2019

10:00-2:00 PM

Nebraska State Office Building - Lower Level B

301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln