

# *Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee*

## *Meeting Notes*

December 5, 2019

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

Joseph Valenti called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:05 am on Thursday, December 5, 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, Lisa Pruitt, Linda Jespersen, MaryAnn Schiefen, Kristen Larsen, William Ehegartner, Cathy Martinez, Diane Focht, Jennifer Miller, Angela Willey, Lori Broady, Dianna DeLair, Wayne Stuberg, Butch Crookedfoot

**Advisory Members Absent:** Norma Mercer, Debbie Salomon, Vicki Depenbusch

**DHHS Staff:** Tony Green, Tyla Watson

**Other:** Robert Davis

### **III. Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2019 meeting**

- Kristen Larsen made a motion to approve minutes as presented, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Jespersen. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

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

- o 32 – Active DD COCA cases
- o 0 – Pending DD COCA cases
- o 1 new case since the October Meeting.
- o Discussion Followed
- o Suggestion consideration: A letter to the court expressing support of individuals coming off the DD Court Ordered Custody for those people that the committee that would be appropriate
- o Committee review what other states are doing.

#### b) Quality Management Plan Update

- 1) The RFP process is underway for contracting with a quality improvement organization-like (QIO) entity to continue our community and implement model practices for components of a robust quality oversight framework.
- 2) Mortality Review - Dianne requested a list of the mortality review members.
- 3) CMS Health and Welfare State Review Team will be visiting December 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> for a review of compliance with health and safety oversight of HCBS waiver participants.

- c) Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update
  - The Objective Assessment Process redesign project remains on schedule. Standardized risk screen tools are currently being considered to replace Nebraska's homegrown screening tools.
  - Discussion Followed.
- d) Level of Care Assessment Tool Redesign
  - The timeline for Phase I of the institutional level of care redesign project has been extended through a contract amendment.
  - Updated timeline shared with the committee.
  - Discussion Followed.
- e) Waitlist
  - As of November 2019:
    - 2606 on waitlist
    - 1085 on the waitlist are minors
    - 398 # newly eligible in Calendar year 2019
    - 394 # individuals receive Service Coordination only
    - Agenda Item for February Meeting: Request a more detailed data on who is on the wait list to be presented at the next meeting.

## **V. Olmstead Plan Update**

- Public Comments closed on November 22, 2019
- The plan and report is on target to be submitted to the legislature on December 15, 2019.
- Discussion Followed.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

- a) Emergency Response Federal Visit Update (November)
  - Two public meetings in Columbus & Omaha to talk about disaster awareness
  - Taking public comments until March.
  - Nebraska is a little bit behind and we have some work to do.

## **VII. New Business**

- a) Kristen Larsen shared copies of the Intellectual Disability and Dementia: A Caregiver's Resource Guide for Nebraskan's report.
- b) DD Council – Person Centered Planning Sub-award
  - Legal did not approve the award because the Blue Fire was not a non-profit entity.
  - New RFI has been submitted.
- c) Agenda item for next meeting is December 15, 2019.
  - Members asked to review the DHHS Advisory Committee website and provide comments/suggestions for and changes at the next meeting.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

No public comments.

**IX. Adjournment**

Joseph Valenti adjourned the meeting at 12:37 PM.

Next meeting to be held:

Thursday, February 13, 2020

10:00-2:00 PM

Nebraska State Office Building - Lower Level B

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