

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
June 25, 2020

I. Call to order

Joseph Valenti called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:05 am on Thursday, June 25, 2020 via WebEx.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Advisory Members Present: Joseph Valenti, Lisa Pruitt, Linda Jespersen, MaryAnn Schiefen, Kristen Larsen, Cathy Martinez, Diane Focht, Angela Willey, Debbie Salomon, Jennifer Miller, Dianna DeLair, Margaret Huss, Lori Broady, Lorie Regier, Wayne Stuberg, William Ehegartner

Advisory Members Absent: Vicki Depenbusch, Butch Crookedfoot, Michelle Summers

DHHS Staff Present: Tony Green, Tyla Watson

Other Attendees Present: Mark Shriver, Andy Tramel

III. Approval of Agenda

MaryAnn Schiefen moved to approve the agenda as presented. 2nd by Debbie Salomon. Agenda approved as presented.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April meeting

- Corrections to Minutes:
 - 1) Spelling of Joe Valenti's name corrected in Roll call section
 - 2) Approval of Minutes should have said February instead of December.
- Debbie Salomon made a motion to approve minutes with corrections, motion 2nd by Jenn Miller. Minutes approved with corrections.

V. DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities – Updates/Review of Action Items

a) COVID-19 Update

- Bi-Weekly COVID-19 Calls – Next stakeholder call is June 29, 2020 - 4:00 PM
- Waiver Amendment Appendix K:Emergency Preparedness Update
 - Submitted to CMS on 03/31/2020.
 - Start Date 03/06/2020 End date 09/06/2020
 - Each provider have been working on their protocols for opening sites back up.
- Updates on Cases in Services - Developmental Disabilities Day and Comprehensive waivers:
 - 34 COVID-19 Cases
 - 2 Deaths
- Concern expressed about the possibility of someone not being with their loved ones if they are hospitalized with a COVID-19.

- i. Wayne suggested that the family may want to contact the hospital administrator in your area directly to discuss your family member's situation/needs. So you are prepared if the situation would occur.
- o Discussion Followed.

b) Update on Provider Changes, Additions, or Terminations

- o Agency providers
- o Agency Provider Orientation 74 registered to attend, 53 attended
- o 37 working with public health beginning to work on certification
- o 2 Providers terminated between March – June
- o 4 New providers started business
- o **Follow up at next meeting:** The Division to provide additional details about prospective/current providers.
- o Discussion followed.

c) DD Court-Ordered Custody Act (DDCOCA)

- o Handout: DDCOCA Statistics
- o 31 current Cases
- o 1 new and 1 dismissed since April Meeting
- o Discussion followed.

d) Quality Management Plan Update

- o The RFP for contracting with a quality improvement organization-like (QIO) entity to continue our commitment and implement model practices for components of a robust quality oversight framework released June 24, 2020. (RFP 6317-Z1)
- o Discussion followed.

e) Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update

- o The Objective Assessment Process redesign project remains on schedule.
- o Contract ends June 30, 2020. Final Report to be sent to the Division next week.
- o Next steps beginning July 2020 will be to establish implementation stakeholder group.
- o Expected implementation date July 1, 2021.
- o Discussion followed.

f) Level of Care Assessment Redesign Project Update

- o Phase I (Nursing Facility) Update:
 - DHHS is developing the implementation plan for the interRAI Home Care standardized assessment tool for both children and adults.
 - Implementation of the interRAI Pediatric Home Care tool is expected for December 2020.
 - Next steps is to follow the procurement processes to find a contractor to provide the interRAI assessment tools

- Phase II (Intermediate Care Facility) Update:
 - Listening sessions have been completed as well as the TAG and stakeholder sessions
 - Optumas along with DDD clinical staff have completed a sample validation study to determine the recommended criteria will have minimal impact on DD eligibility and ICF LOC.

g) Waitlist Update

- Handout: Waiting List Statistics
- As of 06/24/2020 - 2,952 on the waiting list
- **Follow up at next meeting:** Request for a trend report – comparison to previous months & years.

h) Policy Manual

- Policy manual that the Division has been working on is almost complete. Will share with the Advisory Committee prior to posting. Expected public release date is August 1, 2020

VI. Unfinished Business

- a) Attendance Policy Discussion – Joe – Carry over next meeting.
- b) Search for Division Director is in process.

VII. Public Comments requested at 11:35 AM

No public comments heard

VIII. New Business

a) Next meeting dates:

- August 20, 2020
- October 8, 2020

b) Accessible Testing Complaint Filed – Dianne DeLair, Disabilities Rights Nebraska

- Detected a pattern of disconnect on how people would receive COVID-19 Testing through Test Nebraska.
- They feel the State of Nebraska is failing to make reasonable modifications to Test Nebraska
- Disability Rights Nebraska, Center for Public Representation, and the ARC of the United States filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Civil Rights

c) Self-Advocate Survey and the Needs Assessment Survey – Kristen Larsen, NE Council on Developmental Disabilities

- The Council needs input from individuals with disabilities, their families, professionals and other stakeholders to help develop their five-year plan.
- They have launched their Self-Advocate Survey & Needs Assessment Survey. Both available in English and Spanish.

- Will share with the committee. Encourage you to fill it out or share with anything that you think would be interested in sharing their experience.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Wayne Stuberg, second from MaryAnn Schiefen to adjourn the meeting. Joseph Valenti adjourned the meeting at 11:55.

Next meeting to be held:

Thursday, August 20, 2020

10:00-2:00 PM

Nebraska State Office Building Lower Level B