I. **Call to order**
Joseph Valenti called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:05 am on Thursday, October 10, 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:** Joseph Valenti, Margaret Huss, Lisa Pruitt, Linda Jespersen, MaryAnn Schiefen, Kristen Larsen, William Ehegarter, Cathy Martinez, Diane Focht, Angela Willey, Norma Mercer, Debbie Salomon, Dianna DeLair, Wayne Stuberg
- **Advisory Members Absent:** Vicki Depenbusch, Lori Broady, Butch Crookedfoot, Janelle Smith
- **DHHS Staff:** Courtney Miller, Tyla Watson

III. **Review/Approval of Order of Business**
- Motion to approve the order of business as presented made by Wayne Stuberg, motion 2nd by Debbie Solomon. The order of business was approved as presented.

IV. **Approval of minutes from August 22, 2019 Meeting**
- Kristen Larsen made a motion to approve minutes as presented, motion 2nd by Cathy Martinez. The minutes were approved.

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

a) **DD Court-Ordered Custody Act (COCA)**
   - 31 – Active DD COCA cases
   - 0 – Pending DD COCA cases
   - Copy of DD COCA Annual Report Handout Presented to Committee
   - Discussion Followed

b) **Quality Management Plan Update**
   1) Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)
      - Request for proposals (RFP) for QIO Services is in development.
   2) CMS Health and Welfare Review - Nebraska Visit
      - CMS is visiting every state.
      - Nebraska has been notified CMS will be onsite December 9-13, 2019.
      - Meet with Providers, Families, Protection and Advocacy, and Adult Protection Services.
      - Dianne DeLair and William Ehegarter offered to duel represent the committee at any necessary meetings.
c) Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver Amendment Update
   o The Division has received approval and implemented the waiver on October 1, 2019.
   o Discussion Followed

d) Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update
   o OAP Redesign Phase II (*changing reimbursement structure for services*)
     ▪ The Division continues their work with Optumus and Alvarez & Marsal, along
       with 3 Advisory groups on the Objective Assessment Process (OAP). Phase II
       Advisory Group meetings scheduled for October 22 (Clinicians &
       Providers/Agency Reps) & 23 (Individuals & Families)
   o The project is on target for Model presentations to Advisory Groups in March 2020.
   o Discussion Followed.

e) Level of Care Assessment Tool Redesign
   o Institutional Level of Care Assessment Redesign Project PowerPoint Handout shared
     with committee on progress to data on Phase I.
   o Phase I LOC 2nd Focus Group – October 23, 2019 5:00 PM – Child 6:30 Adult
   o Discussion Followed

f) Waitlist
   o As of October 1, 2019
     ▪ 2571 on waitlist
     ▪ 1074 minors on the waitlist (Note: this a higher number than the last report. Previous number reports was the number of minors that were currently Medicaid eligible however it did not count those that are currently over income and would become Medicaid eligible with waiver slot offer.)
     ▪ 383 # newly eligible in Calendar year 2019
   o Discussion Followed

VI. Olmstead Plan Update
   • Next Olmstead Advisory Committee meeting is November 5, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 PM.,
     LLA
   • The plan is on target to be submitted to the legislature on December 15, 2019.

VII. Unfinished Business
   a) National Core Indicators Letter to Governor
      o The letter was completed, September 30 and sent to the Governor, CEO Dannette
        Smith, and Courtney Miller

VIII. New Business
   a) DD Council – Person Centered Planning Sub-award
      o DD Council just approved $108,000 in subaward funding to develop and distribute
        Person-Centered Planning training in Nebraska. The Council is collaborating with
        DHHS Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care (MLTC) to provide funding for this
        project. Funds from Medicaid’s Money Follows the Person program in the amount of
$78,000 will be utilized with $30,000 in Council funds for this one year project that begins October 1, 2019.

b) Wayne Stuberg - ACL wants to hear back about the emergency response on flooding.
   o Federal entities will be here in November 17 &18 in Bellevue and Norfolk.

IX. Public Comment
No public comments.

X. Adjournment
Joseph Valenti adjourned the meeting at 12:38 PM.

Next meeting to be held:
   Thursday, December 5, 2019
   10:00-2:00 PM
   Nebraska State Office Building - Lower Level C
   301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln