

2013 DD Updates

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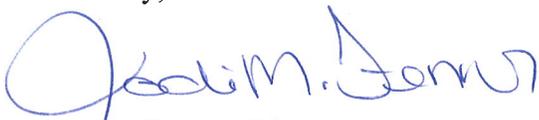
Enclosed are the Division of Developmental Disabilities Updates for 2013. These contain general and background information related to the Division's areas of responsibility. Information on significant initiatives relevant to both Community-Based Services and direct services provided at the Beatrice State Developmental Center and through the Bridges Program are also included.

The Developmental Disabilities Leadership Team gathers and analyzes information annually to assist us in assessing progress from the previous year and to guide future decisions. These annual updates are provided to the Nebraska Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee, the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, and the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee. In the interest of ensuring that other stakeholders have access to this information as well, electronic copies are made available to self-advocates, families, and other stakeholders on the Division's website.

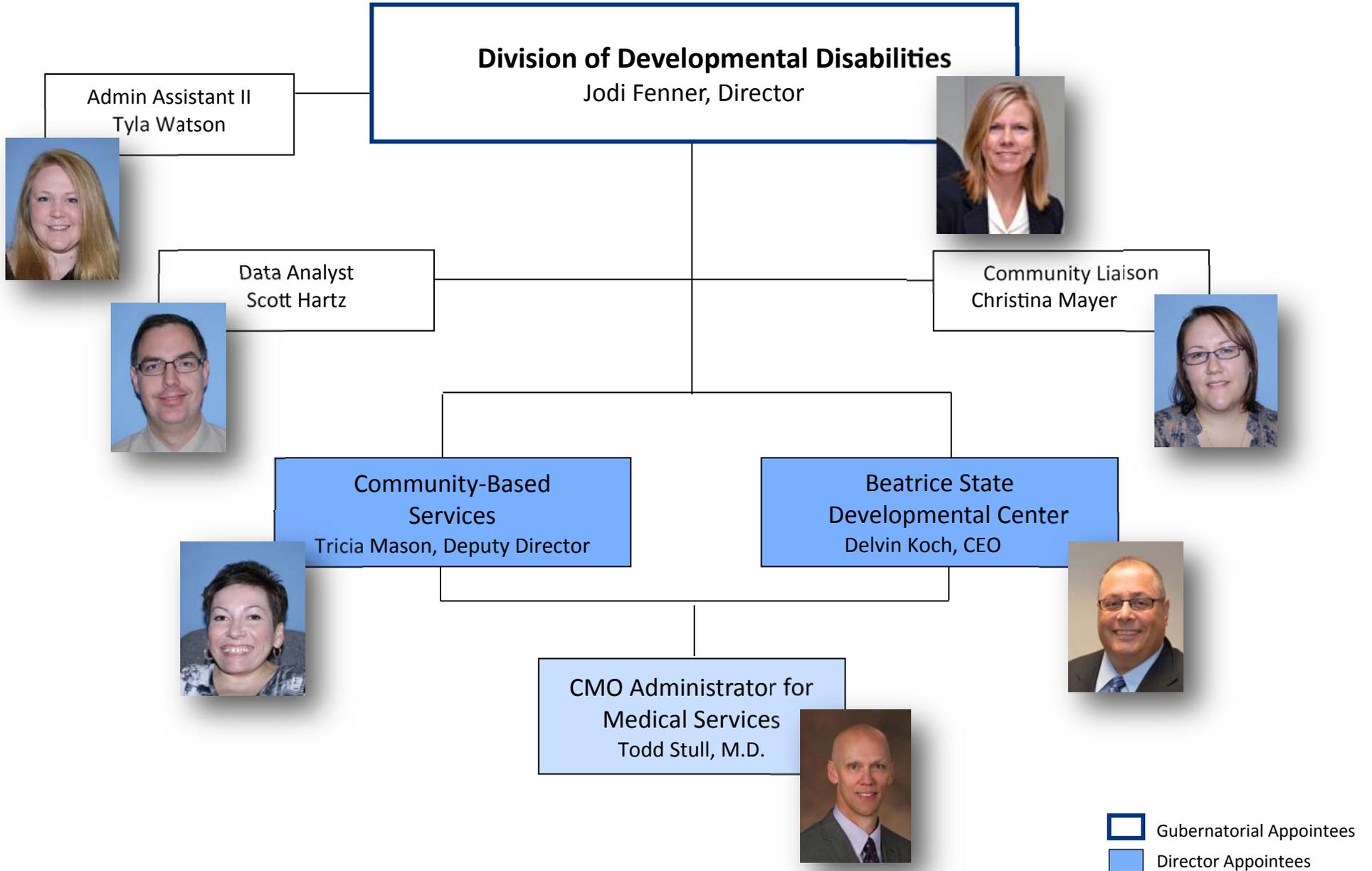
The information is organized into four sections. The initial documents show the Division's senior leadership structure and provide a timeline of significant events/activities. Then the next three sections describe significant events/activities related to Community Based Services, BSDC and the Bridges program. An Appendix is included that contains source documents relevant to the material presented.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please feel free to submit comments or concerns regarding this or other Division business to DHHS.DevelopmentalDisabilities@nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,



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Division of Developmental Disabilities Timeline

Date	Area	Event	Comments
The Birth of Institutional Services			
1885	BSDC	The Nebraska Legislature Authorized Land Purchase and Building Funds of \$100,000 and Nebraska Institute for Feeble Minded	Initiated by Frank M. Hold, representative of Gage County
1885	BSDC	City of Beatrice Purchases 40 Acres for \$4,000	
1887	BSDC	The Nebraska Institute for Feeble-Minded Youth was Opened	Dr. J.T. Armstrong was appointed as first superintendent.
1897	BSDC	BSDC Census 200	
1916	BSDC	School Building Added	Provided basic educational services to over 200 students.
1920	BSDC	Legislature established the Commission for the Control of Feeble-minded Persons	
1921	BSDC	The Institute Began Accepting All Ages	Name changed to Nebraska Institute for the Feeble-Minded
1920	BSDC	BSDC Census 663	Served by 57 employees at a per capita cost of \$237.09
1933-37	BSDC	179 People Sterilized	
1937	BSDC	BSDC Census 1,430	
1940's	BSDC	Occupational Therapy Dept. Created	Initially taught 92 students carpet-weaving and toy-making, with other vocational training added later.
1943	BSDC	BSDC Census 1,480 and 163 on parole.	During previous 56 years 4,348 patients had been admitted.
1945	BSDC	Name Changed to "Beatrice State Home"	
1950's	DD	Family Coordinated Supports	Families began to form programs to support their family within their communities instead of sending them to institutions such as the Beatrice State Developmental Center.
1955	BSDC	BSDC Census 2,016	Supported with a staff of 345.
1956	BSDC	Mental Retard Association of Nebraska (MRAN) Formed by Parents of Residents	MRAN is now known as the Intellectual Disabilities Association of Nebraska.
1960's	BSDC	BSDC Dairy Herd Nationally Recognized	
1960's	BSDC	40 Children Moved to Nebraska Hospital for Tuberculosis in Kearney.	Done due to overcrowding at BSDC. BSDC Maintained responsibility of individual.
1963	BSDC	Full-Time Clinical Psychologist On Staff	

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1963	BSDC	Ward established at Nebraska Regional Center (NRC)	Done due to overcrowding at BSDC for 30 females and 60 males.
1965	BSDC	Legislature Approved Voluntary Admissions	
1966	BSDC	BSDC Census 2,236	Peak Census. Supported with a staff of 550.
The Emergence of Community-Based Services			
1967	CBS	Nebraska Legislature Created the Office of Mental Retardation within the State Department of Health	
1968	CBS	Douglas County Plan	This was a grass roots effort to define the family movement.
1969	DD	LB855 Authorized Funding for Community Based Services	
1969	DD	LB855 Created Regional System of Community Based Services	These include both mental health and developmental disabilities issue.
1969	BSDC	BSDC Census 2,117	Supported by a staff of 581.
1970	BSDC	Dairy Herd Sold at Auction	The sale of the prize-winning Holstein cattle was declared the greatest sale per capita of any sale that had been held up to that time.
1971	BSDC	630 Residents Discharged to Community-Based Settings	
1972	BSDC	Foster Grandparent Program Initiated	
1973-74	DD	LB311/LB302 Created 6 DD-Specific Mental Retardation Regions	
1974	BSDC	Carstens Center Built	
1975	BSDC	NRC Mental Retardation Ward Failed to Meet Accreditation Standards	Facility was not licensed as an ICF/MR.
1975	BSDC	Name Changed to "Beatrice State Developmental Center"	
1975	BSDC	Cottage-Style Housing Built	Sheridan and Solar Cottages were the first cottage-style housing built on campus with their intended purpose to train individual in routine daily tasks and "to encourage greater independence and integration into the most normalizing lifestyle possible."
1975	DD	Horacek vs. Exon Civil Rights Class Action Consent Decree	Lawsuit began in 1972 and resulted in a settlement that required creation of state-funded community based services and significant deinstitutionalization of BSDC.
1976	BSDC	Chapel of All Faiths Built	
1976	BSDC	NRC Regained Licensure	Terminated the program after 6 months.

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1976	BSDC	BSDC Census 965	Supported by a staff of 1,090.
1981	BSDC	BSDC Became First State Residential Facility to Obtain Joint Commission Accreditation	
1981	BSDC	Federal District Court adopted Governor Thones Plan of Implementation	Meant to address the Horacek class action settlement.
1982	BSDC	BSDC in Substantial Compliance with Medicaid Requirements Except Physical Plant	
1983	BSDC	BSDC Reaccredited by the joint Commission for 3 years	
1983	BSDC	Horacek vs Exon Suit Dismissed	Due to the effectiveness in implementing the Governor's Plan of Implementation
1983	BSDC	American Association of Mental Retardation Awards to BSDC Staff for Exceptional Quality Care and Services	
1984	BSDC	BSDC Census 456	
1985	BSDC	First "Sharing our Best" Conference	Attended by over 600 individuals from across Nebraska.
1985	BSDC	Intensive Treatment Service	This program was created to treat individuals with both mental illness and developmental disabilities to move them to less restrictive settings.
1987	BSDC	Designated Agency of the Year by the National Management Association	
1987	BSDC	BSDC Census 467	Supported by a staff of 850.
1987	CBS	Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver	Nebraska implements its first DD waiver to access federal funds to supplement state general funds.
1988	BSDC	BSDC Residents Employed by Local Manufacturing Plant	This is the first supported employment noted in the DD historical documents.
The 1990's Statewide Standardization of Services and Private Collaboration			
1992	CBS	DD Regions were Disbanded and Service Coordinators Became State Employees	This set the stage for private organizations to provide DD services and paved the way for a more person-centered system by eliminating the inherent conflict-of-interest of the provider-employed service coordinators.
1992	CBS	Deloitte & Touche Rate Methodology Implemented	
1992	BSDC	Outreach Treatment Services	The ITS service created in 1985 was expanded to offer consultation and work alongside community service providers to prevent institutionalization.

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1994	CBS	Day Services Funding Becomes and Entitlement	This ensured that all individuals graduating from Nebraska high schools would continue to receive habilitation services to maintain and continue to grow their skills.
January-99	CBS	Prospective Implementation of OAP	

1990-08 The Surfacing of Troubled Times			
September-90	BSDC	Certification Survey Identified Issues with Four Conditions of Participation (Governing Body and Management, Client Protection, Facility Staffing, and Active Treatment)	
November-91	BSDC	Follow up Survey Identified Repeat Issues with Two Condition of Participation (Facility Staffing and Active Treatment Services)	
January-94	BSDC	Certification Survey Identified Issues with Staff Treatment of Clients, QMRP, Individual Program Plan, and Program Implementation Standards	
January-95	BSDC	ICF-MR Annual Onsite Review Found a Need of Improvement in Nursing Plan of Care, Nursing Notes, and Goals & Objectives	
July-97	BSDC	Oversight of BSDC Transitioned from the Department of Public Institutions to Health and Human Services	
September-98	BSDC	Complaint Survey Identifies Issues Related to Resident Injuries and Care	
June-99	BSDC	Certification Survey Found BSDC Out of Compliance with Two Conditions of Participation (Governing Body and Active Treatment Services)	
June-00	BSDC	Certification Survey Found Repeat Deficiencies in the Area of Program Implementation	

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October-00	BSDC	Complaint Survey Identifies Issues Related to Active Treatment, Program Implementation, Inappropriate Use of Psychoactive Medications and Mechanical Restraints without Adequate Behavior Management Programs	
October-01	BSDC	Federal Survey Cited Issues Related to Client Protections, Including Abuse/Neglect and Inappropriate Restrictive Measures	This included an Immediate Jeopardy relating to Abuse/Neglect
January-02	BSDC	Complaint Survey Identified Issues Related to Medication Administration and Abuse/Neglect	
October-02	BSDC	Complaint Survey Identified Issues Related to Abuse/Neglect, Program Implementation and Behavior Management	
January-03	BSDC	Federal Survey Found BSDC Out of Compliance with Two Conditions of Participation (Governing Body and Client Protections)	
February-03	BSDC	Follow-up Survey Identified Issues Related to Program Implementation	
April-03	BSDC	Federal Follow-up Survey Identified Issues Related to Abuse/Neglect and Investigations	
May-03	BSDC	Follow-up Survey Identified Issues Related to Program Implementation	
October-03	BSDC	Federal Survey Found BSDC Out of Compliance with Three Conditions of Participation (Governing Body, Client Protections and Healthcare Services)	Issues related to abuse/neglect, investigations, staff training, and medical care were identified.
November-03	BSDC	Follow-up Survey Identified Issues Related to Conduct Toward Clients and Program Implementation	

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January-04	BSDC	Federal Follow-up Survey Found BSDC Out of Compliance with the Client Protections Considiton of Participation and Identified Issues Related to Governing Body and Behavior Management	
March-04	BSDC	Complaint Survey Identified Issues Related to Food and Nutrition Services	
March-04	BSDC	Federal Follo-up Survey Found Substantial Compliance with Conditions of Participation, but Identified Standard-Level Deficiencies in Staff Treatment of Clients and Nursing Services	
October-04	BSDC	Complaint Survey Identified Issues Related to Staff Training	
May-05	BSDC	Certification and Follow-up Survey Identified Repeated Issues Related to Staff Treatment of Clients	
August-05	BSDC	Follow-up Survey Identified Issues Related to Staff Treatment of Clients	
May-06	CBS	DD Community Supports Waiver Approved to Offer Non-Specialized Services	Approved for 3 years and renewed in 2009. Terminated 12/31/11
July-06	BSDC	Certification and Complaint Survey Identified Issues Related to Qualified Mental Retardation Professionals, Staff Training, Program Implementation and Physical Restraints	
September-06	BSDC	Federal Full Monitoring Survey Found BSDC Out of Compliance with Seven Conditions of Participation (Governing Body, Client Protections, Facility Staffing, Active Treatment Services, Client Behavior & Facility Practices, Healthcare Services and Dietetic Services) and also Found that Immediate Jeopardy Existed Related to Client Protection	

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October-06	BSDC	Federal Follow-up Survey Found that the Immediate Jeopardy Had Been Resolved, but Other Concerns Continued	
February-07	BSDC	Complaint Survey Found Condition of Participation of Client Protections Continued to be Unmet	
April-07	BSDC	Federal Follow-up Survey Found Conditions of Participation Continued to be Unmet	
July-07	DHHS	LB296 Created the Division of Developmental Disabilities	
September-07	DD	John Wyvill Appointed DD Director	
October-07	BSDC	BSDC Census 326	
October-07	BSDC	DOJ Investigation	
October-07	BSDC	BSDC Overtime 21.66%	Calculated as overtime as a % of total wages.
November-07	BSDC	Federal Follow-up Survey Found Conditions of Participation Continued to be Unmet	
December-07	BSDC	CMS Terminated BSDC from the Medicaid Program for Continued Failure to meet Conditions of Participation	
February-08		Federal Follow-up Survey Found Conditions of Participation Continued to be Unmet and Identified Three Instances of Immediate Jeopardy	
March-08	BSDC	BSDC Census 312	
March-08	DD	LR283 DD Special Legislative Committee Created	
May-08	BSDC	On-Campus Hospital Closed	
June-08	DD	LR283 DD Special Legislative Committee Hearings	6/23/2008 Committee received overview of DD Services 6/24/2008 Committee discussed Allocation of Funds - State and Federal
July-08	DD	DOJ Settlement Agreement Reached	
July-08	CBS	Service Coordination moved from CFS to DD	
August-08	DD	LR283 DD Special Legislative Committee Hearings	8/21/2008 Testimony from Family/Advocates of BSDC 8/22/2008 Testimony from NAPE & BSDC Employees

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September-08	CBS	Tricia Mason Appointed as Administrator of Community Based Services	
September-08	DD	LR283 DD Special Legislative Committee Hearing	9/19/2008 Committee discussed the Role of Public Health and the Rold and Relationship with CMS
October-08	DD	LR283 DD Special Legislative Committee Hearing	10/17/0008 Committee received update on BSDC - Hiring Licensed Professionals through contract, decrease in Census at BSDC, Overtime Concerns, Compliance Issues, New group home in Rural Area.
December-08	DD	DD Special Investigative Report Issued	
December-08	CBS	LR156 Waiting List Report	
December-08	BSDC	BSDC Overtime 17.44%	Calculated as overtime as a % of total wages.
2009 The Challenges of Rebuilding			
February-09	BSDC	Public Health Order Removing Medically Fragile	
February-09	BSDC	Claire Mahon Appointed Interim BSDC CEO	CEO Mahon was appointed via BSDC contract with Clinical Services Management.
March-09	CBS	Agreement w/ Mosaic to Build Homes for Medically Fragile	
May-09	DD	LR11 DD Special Legislative Committee Continued	
July-09	CBS	\$5 Million in DD Funding for the Registry (i.e. the Waiting List)	
July-09	DD	Jodi Fenner Appointed DD Director	
July-09	DD	DD Special Investigative Committee Hearing	
August-09	BSDC	Dan Howell Appointed BSDC CEO	
August-09	DD	DD Leadership Team Initiates Commitment To Excellence Project	This was the basis for developing and implementing an initial compliance plan.
September-09	BSDC	BSDC Census 185	
September-09	BSDC	BSDC Transition Team Created	This is a team of service coordinators assigned to individuals covered by the DOJ settlement.
December-09	BSDC	BSDC Overtime 10.96%	Calculated as overtime as a % of total wages.
2010 Realization of Progress/Initial Success			
January-10	DD	Alliance for Full Participation: Nebraska State Team Organized	
February-10	DD	Contract Administrator Position Created	This was to enhance control and oversight over the Division's contracts.

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February-10	DD	DD Psychology Services Internalized	Previously private contractors provided professional psychological assessment and opinion services. However, to maximize cost efficiencies and ensure consistency and quality of services, the DD Psychologist position was created and this was internalized.
March-10	DD	DD Summit	This was a statewide summit including families, self-advocates, BSDC, community providers, and service coordination team.
March-10	DD	State Plan Forums	These were held through April 2010 in 14 communities throughout Nebraska.
April-10	CBS	First Mosaic Medically Fragile Home Complete	
April-10	CBS	DD Waivers Amended to Add Enhanced Employment Service Options	
April-10	BSDC	Physical Nutritional Management Team Created	
May-10	DD	Alliance for Full Participation Strategic Planning	
June-10	BSDC	Spine Gait Clinic Created	
June-10	CBS	DD Waivers Amended to Transition Certification Activities to DDD	Approved 9/28/2010
July-10	CBS	\$5 Million in DD Funding for the Registry (i.e. the Waiting List)	
July-10	CBS	Navigant Consulting Awarded Rate Methodology Contract	This was done through a competitive bidding process coordinated through the Dept. of Administrative Services.
August-10	DD	DD Special Investigative Committee Hearing	
September-10	CBS	H&W Investigations Training for DD Survey/Cert Team	
October-10	CBS	DD Certification Transitioned from the Division of Public Health	This gave the Division full oversight of the quality of services and waiver compliance.
October-10	CBS	H&W Survey Training for DD Survey/Cert Team	
October-10	CBS	Navigant Meeting w/ Providers	
November-10	BSDC	Medical Clinic Renovation	Public Health Clinic and Clinical Services areas were both renovated to accommodate updated equipment and provide state-of-the-art services; renovations completed in the Spring of 2011.
December-10	BSDC	BSDC Overtime 15.24%	Calculated as overtime as a % of total wages.
2011 Achievement of Full BSDC Recertification/Focus on Community Services			

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January-11	CBS	DD Waivers Revised to Add Flexibility/Non-Specialized Services	
January-11	BSDC	Last Mechanical Restraint Used at Bridges	
February-11	BSDC	State Building ICF Fully Certified	
March-11	DD	LR47 DD Special Legislative Committee Continued	
March-11	CBS	SC Supervisory Review Training	This was necessary to accomplish prior to CBS reorganization to accomplish conflict-free case management.
March-11	BSDC	Talintel Screening Implemented	This is a researched based pre-screening, psychometric assessment tool developed to identify individuals with the highest potential for working as direct support professionals.
April-11	CBS	Therap Initial Implementation	While the entire Therap case management system was made available to DD providers, the Division only mandated its use for General Event Reporting.
April-11	CBS	CBS Reorg to Implement Conflict-Free Case Management	This involved moving eligibility determinations and individual assessments from the SCs to the DSSs.
April-11	CBS	Navigant Issues Draft Rate Methodology	
May-11	BSDC	BSDC Joins Nebraska Alliance for Full Participation	AFP is a national movement to increase the number of people with developmental disabilities who are involved in integrated competitive employment.
June-11	CBS	DD Survey/Cert Team Obtained LRA Investigations Certification	This was done to improve the quality of investigations done in the community to mirror what had been accomplished at BSDC.
June-11	BSDC	On-Campus School Closed	Two remaining school-aged Individuals to access services through Beatrice Public Schools.
June-11	BSDC	Operations Reorganization	This resulted in the closure of the on-campus cafeteria, laundry and significant housekeeping activities. This finalized the move to family style dining and normalized home operations.
June-11	CBS	Navigant Meeting w/ providers	
June-11	CBS	New Survey Tools Implemented	
June-11	BSDC	40% of Residents Involved in Community Activities Monthly	
July-11	CBS	\$3.6 Million in DD Funding for the Registry (i.e. the Waiting List)	

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July-11	DD	Transitioned Team Behavioral Consultation Services from BSDC to a Community Contractor	This freed up the BSDC clinical staff to focus on the needs of BSDC residents. It also resulted in broader statewide access to the TBC services in a more timely and effective manner.
July-11	CBS	Performance and Quality Improvement Plan Implemented	
July-11	CBS	Title 404 Revised	
July-11	BSDC	Home Leader Positions Created	These positions supplement the QI Team and provide routine on-site auditing of all BSDC certified ICFs.
July-11	BSDC	State Cottages ICF Fully Certified	
July-11	BSDC	Sheridan Cottages ICF Fully Certified	
July-11	BSDC	88% of BSDC Residents Involved in Paid Employment	
September-11	CBS	Navigant Issues Revised Draft Report on Rate Methodology	
October-11	CBS	Centralized Service Coordination Orientation and Training Implemented	This was done to provide continuity of services throughout Nebraska.
October-11	BSDC	BSDC Census 147	
November-11	BSDC	Solar Cottages ICF Fully Certified	
December-11	BSDC	Last Mechanical Restraint Used at BSDC	
December-11	BSDC	BSDC Overtime 17.97%	Calculated as overtime as a % of total wages.
2012 Continued Quality Improvement and Assurance Efforts/Addressing Employment and Challenging Medical and Behavioral Issues			
February-12	DD	LR365 DD Special Legislative Committee Continued	
March-12	BSDC	Attendance Incentive Program	This program was targeted at encouraging staff to limit unplanned absences that drive overtime.
April-12	CBS	Statewide Service Coordination Conference	The topics for this conference focused on person centered practices and innovative solutions.
April-12	CBS	Medical Review Team Created	This team reviews situations in the community to determine whether adequate medical/clinical services are being provided, with a specific emphasis on individuals covered by the settlement agreement with the DOJ.
May-12	BSDC	Bear Creek Gift Shop Opens	This is an on-campus gift shop that sells items made by BSDC residents and those of local crafters on a consignment basis.

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May-12	CBS	Paradigm, Inc. FBA/BSP Assessments and Training for DD Providers	
May-12	CBS	LRA Investigations Training for DD Providers	
June-12	DD	BSDC Investigations Office Assigned to Central Office ISO	All DD investigations now run through one centrally-managed ISO.
June-12	BSDC	Kennedy Building ICF Fully Certified	
July-12	BSDC	Bridges Program Provides Community Day Services Through ILC	These services are provided in Grand Island through Integrated Life Choices, a specialized DD provider that is certified to provide community risk services.
July-12	BSDC	Matthew Pangborn Found Guilty of Abusing BSDC Residents	This is important as it is the first time that someone has been held criminally accountable for abusing individuals living at BSDC.
July-12	BSDC	Delvin Koch Appointed Interim BSDC CEO	
July-12	CBS	Targeted Caseloads Assigned for Youth and DD Custody Cases	While the Targeted Caseload Team was not fully developed and officially classified until 2014, efforts began in mid-2012 to identify team members and provide them with enhanced training and supports.
September-12	CBS	Administrative Reorganization of the DD Service Coordination Team	This resulted in centralizing all administrative functions for the SC team and removing geographic boundaries (i.e. service areas.) This allowed us to maximize technology and provide more consistent support and oversight throughout Nebraska.
September-12	BSDC	Health Care Coordinator Positions Created	These positions serve as liaisons between the ICFs and Medical/Clinical Services. They ensure that individuals have adequate healthcare plans and that ICF staff are trained on each individual's plan.
September-12	BSDC	Behavior Support Specialist Positions Created	These positions serve as liaisons between the ICFs and the Behavioral Support Team. They ensure that each individual's FBA and BSP is routinely reviewed and that ICF staff are trained on each individual's plan.
September-12	BSDC	BSDC Off-Campus Day Services Initiated Through ILC	
October-12	CBS	Pilot Electronic IPP Project	This project began in Therap and is still ongoing. Multi-state collaboration has occurred and CMS quality changes continue to be implemented.

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December-12	BSDC	Delvin Koch Appointed BSDC CEO	
December-12	BSDC	Kennedy ICF Closure	
December-12	BSDC	BSDC Overtime 15.67%	Calculated as overtime as a % of total wages.
2013 Setting the New Standard for Quality Services			
January-13	BSDC	Old Admin Building Demolished	
February-13	DD	LR20 DD Special Investigative Committee Continued	
February-13	DD	Health Supports Curriculum Developed	This was developed by Dr. Nabih Ramadan to better equip staff to recognize and respond to the health and medical needs of the people supported in DD services; the full curriculum was made available to all DD providers in Nebraska.
April-13	CBS	Electronic Billing Pilot Initiated	Due to technology challenges and Rate Methodology/OAP implementation, the Pilot is still ongoing but has not yet resulted in statewide implementation.
April-13	DD	DD Fiscal/Data Analyst Position Created	This position was created to help the division manage its multiple data systems to provide better analysis and projections for planning and budgeting purposes.
April-13	CBS	Statewide Service Coordination Conference	This conference focused on basic service coordination expectation – sharing the new SC training with the entire SC team.
May-13	BSDC	BSDC Behavior Support Team Provider Training	Team began providing training to community providers across Nebraska regarding writing, running, and maintaining Behavior Support Plans.
May-13	BSDC	Treasures Moves to Downtown Beatrice	This is the thrift shop that was operating on the BSDC campus; it provides employment opportunities for BSDC residents and is now operated through partnership with ILC.
May-13	BSDC	Bridges Program Relocated	Moved from the Hastings Regional Center Campus to three community homes in rural Hastings.
June-13	CBS	LB195 Funded \$3.9M in New DD Services	
August-13	CBS	DD Registry Transitioned from NFOCUS to DD Database	This was necessary to allow the division to do more accurate projections and management of this data.
August-13	BSDC	Lake Street Apartments Open	This on-campus living environment provides services and supports that mirror community living to better prepare individuals living at BSDC for transition into the community.

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September-13	DD	LB23 Removes Term Mental Retardation from State Statute	
September-13	CBS	Compassionate Communications Training	This was training targeted at communications strategies for service coordination staff throughout the state; sessions held through November 2013.
October-13	CBS	U.S. Dept. of Labor Issues Companionship Rule	This rule eliminates the companionship exception from the Fair Labor Standards Act for many DD services.
November-13	DD	State Plan Forums	These were scheduled through January 2014 and were held in 24 communities throughout Nebraska.
December-13	DD	DD Special Investigative Committee Hearing	
December-13	BSDC	BSDC Overtime 13.04%	Calculated as overtime as a % of total wages.
December-13	BSDC	60% of Non-Retired Residents Involved in Integrated Community Employment	90% of all non-retired residents are involved in employment (including on-campus employment.)
2014 and Beyond - Firm Commitment to Excellence			
January-14	BSDC	K Building Demolished	
February-14	BSDC	BSDC Pilot Retention Program for 2 nd Shift	This is a new pilot program that provides an additional incentive for staff who work second shift – where the majority of BSDC vacancies and overtime occurs.
March-14	BSDC	Therap Pilot Implementation Initiated	This was initiated as a pilot project at State Building ICF.
March-14	CBS	CMS Issues New Rule Defining Community for HCBS Purposes	This rule requires states to develop a five year compliance plan to ensure that all HCBS services are provided in integrated community settings, and no in segregated or institutional settings.
March-14	CBS	Personal Focus Worksheet Implementation	This is a tool that is part of the ISP Therap Pilot Projects; however, all SCs began using the PFW at this point.
April-14	BSDC	Activity Center Renovation	This was to allow a more appropriate place for retired individuals to receive day habilitation services, allowing individuals residing at BSDC to avoid unnecessary placement in skilled nursing facilities.
April-14	CBS	LB905 Funded \$1.5M for State Ward Permanency Pilot Project	This bill is intended to achieve permanency for at-risk youth and should prevent institutionalization.
April-14	CBS	LB905 Funded \$4.75M in New DD Services	

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April-14	DD	LB986 Provides for Homestead Exemption for Individuals with DD	This bill supports home ownership by people with developmental disabilities.
July-14	CBS	Rate Methodology/OAP Implementation	
July-14	CBS	HCBS Community Rule Workgroup Created	This group consists of DD and Medicaid staff working with Wanda Seiler via a contract with NASDDDS to develop a Nebraska implementation plan.
August-14	BSDC	BSDC Behavior Support Team - Added Additional Doctoral Psychology Intern	Continued efforts to help Nebraska develop more clinical professionals in the area of DD Services.
August-14	BSDC	Campus-Wide Therap Implementation Initiated	This is anticipated to be completed in 2014.
August-14	CBS	New Background Check Contract Implemented	
September-14	DD	"It's My Life!" Colossal Conference	Approximately 500 people are already registered, with capacity for 800. Nationally recognized speakers from across the country will be presenting on various topics.
September-14	CBS	Public Meetings RE: HCBS Community Rule	Meetings are scheduled for Kearney and Lincoln to give community stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the proposed implementation plan.
October-14	CBS	HCBS Community Rule Transition Plan Due to CMS	
January-15	CBS	DOL Companionship Rule Effective Date	
Pending	BSDC	Automation of Data Collection/Presentation for QI Indicators; Review and Update of QI Plan	This is currently in progress and anticipated to be completed in 2014
Pending	CBS	Review and Refinement of QI Plan	This is to include development of QI Indicators and Dashboard similar to those utilized by BSDC. New CMS terms and assurances expectations will be implemented.
Pending	CBS	Review and Refinement of SC Guidelines	These are internal guidelines to provide clarification to SCs relating to detailed job expectations.
Pending	CBS	Continued Implementation of Rate Methodology	Division is still working on a portion of the youth population and individuals with exception funding and will also need to routinely review the rate structure to ensure it is effective.
Pending	CBS	Implementation of HCBS Community Rule Transition Activities	This is anticipated to continue through 2018.

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Date	Area	Event	Comments
Pending	BSDC	Demolition of B and C building.	These are two of the largest institutional buildings on campus that have been vacant for years.
Pending	CBS	Renewal/Revision of DD Adult Waivers	This is anticipated to be completed in 2015.