

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2017

1) **Call to order**

Joyce Werner called to order the regular meeting of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:30 am on September 8, 2017 at 5220 South 16th St, Lincoln, NE.

2) **Roll call**

The following persons were present:

Advisory Members: Norma Mercer, Lisa Pruitt, Linda Jespersen, Peg Huss, Kristen Larsen, Joyce Werner, Cathy Martinez

DHHS Staff: Courtney Miller, Tyla Watson, Megan Gumbel, Theresa Starr, Katherine Becker

3) **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Motion made by Cathy Martinez to approve minutes as presented. 2nd by Linda Jespersen. The minutes were approved as presented.

4) **Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act**

- Documents shared and reviewed with the committee: Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act Statutes, Process Flow Chart, & Quarterly Report Letter Template.
- Discussion followed.

5) **Quality Management System Update**

- Updated documents shared with the committee: Draft Quality Management Strategy, Priorities, and Strategy Plan. All documents had been emailed to members prior to the meeting.
- Members asked for any final feedback by end of day Monday, September 11, 2018 to anna.bromberg@nebraska.gov.

6) **Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) State Tour**

- Press release with dates of DHHS' Miller to hold Statewide Listening Sessions shared with the committee.
- Members asked to share information and encourage attendance.
- Courtney Miller and Deputy Directors will be visiting all DHHS offices across the state that house DDD team members in September and October.

7) **Medicaid Waiver Implementation**

- Over 70% waiver participants have transitioned.
- DDD is working through some challenges. Advisory Members are asked to please let the division know if you hear of any issues in your areas. Commitment remains to maintain continuity of care as much as possible.

8) Rate Rebase and Objective Assessment Redesign Project

- Providers have provided their general ledgers. They are currently are being reviewed by Optimus.
- Optimus next visit with the DDD will be in October to discuss new codes that will need rates.

9) Public Comments

- Meeting opened to public comments at 1:00 PM. No public comments presented.

10) DD Participation in 2017 NASUAD HCBS Conference

- Staff from the Division of Developmental Disabilities and the Division of Medicaid & Long Term Care where able to attend this conference in Baltimore.
- Discussion followed.

11) Beatrice State Developmental Center

- Current census is 109.
- 1 individual placed at BSDC for short-term acute crisis stabilization.
- Currently working with Public Health on licensing to provide respite services.

12) Advisory Meeting Dates Review

- Committee confirmed next meeting date as November 3. Will continue with other dates presented as tentative.

13) DDD updates:

- *Waiting list:* As of September 5, 2017:
 - 1060 individuals on Registry
 - 2056 individuals on the Waiting list
- *Service Offers:* Since January 1, 2017 the Division has made 412 unduplicated offers.

14) Adjournment

Linda Jespersen motion to adjourn the meeting. Norma Mercer 2nd the motion. Motioned carried.
Joyce Werner adjourned the meeting at 1:49 PM.

Next meeting to be held: November 3, 2017

10:00 – 2:00 PM

Lower Level B

Nebraska State Office Building

301 Centennial Mall South

Lincoln, NE