

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2018

I. Call to order

Joseph Valenti called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:09 am on November 1, 2018 at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level A, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Advisory Members Present: Joeseeph Valenti, Margaret Huss, Diane Focht, Lisa Pruitt, Linda Jespersen, MaryAnn Schiefen, Kristen Larsen, Dianne DeLair, Edison McDonald, Joyce Werner, Debbie Salomon

Advisory Members Absent: Butch Crookedfoot, Michael Tufte, Cathy Martinez, Lorrie Bryant, Norma Mercer, Wayne Stuberg, Sue Coles, William Ehegartner

DHHS Staff: Courtney Miller, Tyla Watson, Lee Rettig

III. Review/Approval of Order of Business

Order of business approved as presented. Edison McDonald motion to approve minutes as presented, Peg Huss 2nd. Agenda was approved as presented.

IV. Approval of minutes from September Meeting

- o Draft Minutes Corrections: MaryAnn Schiefen motion to approve & Joyce Werner 2nd.
- o The minutes were approved as amended.

V. DD Advisory Committee Member Update

- o Letters have been sent out to new members, they should receive this week. Will have new members at the next meeting.

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

- a) Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act
 - o No new individuals on the DD Court-Ordered Custody Act
 - o Annual DD Court-Ordered Custody Act Report submitted to Legislature 09/30/2018
https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/105/PDF/Agencies/Health_and_Human_Services_Department_of/345_20181001-103658.pdf
 - o Discussion followed.
- b) Systems Update
 - o Statewide Tour
 - Completed in September.
 - Overall making strides with positive feedback regarding focus on people centered planning and customer service improvements across the state.

- Discussion Followed.
 - Committee would like to get a better understanding of the different advocacy organizations/councils, purpose, and how they interact.
 - Motion made by MaryAnn Schiefen, 2nd by Kristen Larsen to ask Dianne DeLair, Disability Rights Nebraska to do a presentation on the protection and safety agency and Olmstead plan at the next meeting. Motion carried.
- CMS Technical Assistance for Shared Living Service
 - Still engaged with CMS on expectations of CMS regarding service.
 - Training
 - New training curriculum will begin in November for new Service Coordination team members.
- c) Rate Rebase and Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update
- Phase I - Rate Rebase:
 - Anticipated Spring 2019 implementation date for service definitions and rates
 - 6.6% is what is needed to fully fund the rate model and add a new service.
 - Discussion Followed
 - Phase II - Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update:
 - Advisory Group meetings were held October 24-25.
 - Next meetings to be held in January.
 - Discussion Followed
- d) Disability Services Stakeholder Olmstead Planning Advisory Committee (LB1033) Update
- TAC onsite October 25-26.
 - Plan is due December 15. The Department had conversations with TAC regarding current due date vs. being able to provide a complete and comprehensive report. May need an extension.
 - Discussion Followed.
 - Motion Dianne DeLair 2nd by MaryAnn Schiefen: The DD Advisory committee has been made aware and supports a request for an extension to March 31, 2019 for delivery of the Nebraska Olmstead plan. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
- e) Medicaid DD Waivers Program Update:
- 4743 # of Individuals receiving services
 - 1823 # of Individuals on the wait list
 - 511 # of Newly eligible in calendar year 2018
 - Discussion Followed.

VII. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a) Corrections Meeting
- Letter was not sent following the last meeting.
 - Discussion followed.

- Motion made by Edison McDonald, 2nd by Margaret Huss to withdraw the corrections meeting request from the agenda. Motion carried.
- b) Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
 - Discussion on status of current funding and wait list.
 - Courtney Miller encouraged committee to reach out to or invite VR to future meetings if specific questions or more information.
- c) Mental Health and Developmental Disability
 - Provider Crisis Funding – Update at February meeting.
- d) New Member Handbook/Orientation
 - Courtney shared her copy of the DD Planning handbook that the Planning Council uses.
 - Discussion Followed
 - Members are to send any documents or suggestions to have in the book to Tyla. (Possible items Statutes DD Advisory, Acronyms, Roles Members) Dianne DeLair and Peg Huss will help finalize for DD Advisory Committee to make available.

VIII. New Business

- a) January 2018 – Joint Report: Ensuring Beneficiary Health and Safety in Group Homes through State Implementation of Comprehensive Compliance Oversight
https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/report_joint_report_hcbs.pdf
Report reviews 4 areas:
 - Incident Management and Investigation
 - Incident Management Audits
 - Mortality Reviews
 - Quality AssuranceMotion by Dianne DeLair, 2nd by MaryAnn Schiefen to add to the February meeting for discussion.
Motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:20PM by Joseph Valenti.

Next meeting to be held:

Friday, February 22, 2019

10:00-2:00 PM

Nebraska State Office Building - Lower Level C

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