

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2018

I. Call to order

Joyce Werner called to order the regular meeting of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:05 am on March 9, 2018 at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level B, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Advisory Members: Lorrie Bryant, Sharilyn Cole, Butch Crookedfoot, Diane DeLair, Diane Focht, Linda Jespersen, Margaret Huss, Norma Mercer, Lisa Pruitt, Debbie Salomon, MaryAnn Schiefen, Joyce Werner, Edison McDonald, Joseph Valenti

DHHS Staff: Courtney Miller, Corina Harrison, Tammy Westfall, Tyla Watson

Other: Bob Davis, Tiffany Gleason, Mark Schultz, Joni Delaney

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- Draft Minutes amended: Corrections to Butch's name in Roll call section and correction to read "Lincoln and Beatrice were the lowest attended" under state tour section.
- Motion made by Edison McDonald to approve minutes as amended. Seconded by Debbie Salomon. The minutes were approved as amended.

IV. Discuss Alternative Meeting Times/length

Motion made by Edison McDonald to hold the next meeting on May 10, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Motion second by Joe Valenti. Motion carried.

V. Vocational Rehabilitation – Mark Schultz

- Provided an overview of relationship between the Division of Developmental Disabilities & Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Worked with Federal agencies on work incentives for quality jobs for providers.
- Currently has 40 full time employees that are dedicated to work with the schools. Almost 3500 students receiving supported employment services.
- Leadership in Nebraska understands what is needed. Long Term Competitive Employment is Vocational Rehabilitation's goal.
- Project Search has been very successful. 17 current Project Search sites.

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

- a) STP Presentation
 - Collaborating with Medicaid. Will have present at either the May or July Meeting.
 - Request the division provide an email update before the next meeting if possible.
- b) Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act
 - Court-Ordered Custody Act Report shared with the committee. Members asked to review and what more detailed info the committee would like to see.
 - Overview of the Court-ordered custody act discussed.

- Committee requested the committee report indicate when new people are added as a new court-ordered custody act.
- c) Systems Update
 - March is DD Awareness Month
 - Ice Cream Social at Beatrice State Developmental Center
 - Governor Proclamation
 - Tammy Westfall, New Deputy Director of Quality and Policy hired in December.
 - Regulations
 - 403 went to public hearing and received feedback. There were substantive changes so they may have to go back out for Public Comment.
 - 404 – under review with the regulation workgroup.
 - Quality Improvement
 - Advisory members provided copy of self-advocate recruitment flyer.
 - The quality improvement team is looking for self-advocates to join the Division to conduct participants surveys.
 - Extended Family Homes subcontracting arrangements.
 - CMS have agreed to alternative approach to allow subcontracting under certain circumstances instead of the Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDs) model.
 - Currently surveying providers on their current practices.
- d) Rate Rebase and Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update
 - Rate model proposal was given to providers. Providers requested an extension on feedback.
 - Based on the feedback that has been received we do expect there to be changes to the proposal.
- e) Beatrice State Developmental Center Update
 - Current Census is: 108
 - 104 Long term residents
 - 5 for short-term crisis stabilization
 - Currently reviewing applications for the Facility Administrator Position
- f) Disability Services Stakeholder Olmstead Planning Advisory Committee (LB1033) Update
 - Committee has recommended the hiring of a consultant to help Nebraska DHHS to help draft the Nebraska Olmstead Plan.

VII. Public Comment

- Joyce Werner – There is a University of Nebraska facility in Curtis that is not handicap accessible. Finds this to be very concerning.

VIII. Medicaid Eligibility for Individuals receiving Long-Term Services & Supports – Crystal Georgiana

- Disabled Adult Children (DAC) and Share of Cost; Q&A's handout shared with committee.
- Copy of the federal statute 435.726- Post-eligibility treatment of income of individuals receiving home and community-based services furnished under a waiver: Application of patient income to the cost of care.

IX. New Business

- a) Committee Planning Session
 - Committee would like to have an optional planning session prior to the next meeting on May 10.
 - Members will meet at 4:00 PM in the Lincoln Community Foundation
 - Diane DeLair to touch base with Edison to make sure space is available.

X. Adjournment

Mary Ann Schiefen motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Jespersen 2nd the motion. Motioned carried.
Joyce Werner adjourned the meeting at 2:06 PM.

Next meeting to be held: May 10, 2018
6:00 – 9:00 PM
Lincoln Community Foundation
5th Floor – Large Conference Room
215 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68508