

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2018

I. Call to order

Motion made by Edison McDonald to appoint MaryAnn Schiefen as acting chair for the committee meeting today. Seconded by Debbie Salomon. Motion carried as presented.

MaryAnn Schiefen called to order the regular meeting of the DD Advisory Committee at 6:15 pm on May 10, 2018 at the Lincoln Community Foundation, Large Conference Room. 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Advisory Members: Lorrie Bryant, Diane DeLair, Diane Focht, Linda Jespersen, Kristen Larsen, Cathy Martinez, Edison McDonald, Lisa Pruitt, Debbie Salomon, MaryAnn Schiefen, Joseph Valenti

DHHS Staff: Courtney Miller, Tyla Watson

Public: Sara Lowe, Bill Waller, Johanne & Shannon

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- Draft Minutes amended: Under role call correction made to the spelling of Edison's last name. It should be McDonald.
- Motion made by Joseph Valenti to approve minutes as amended. Seconded by Wayne Stuberg. The minutes were approved as amended.

IV. Suspense of Agenda

Motion was made by Diane DeLair to suspend the agenda to review the committee priorities from the committee's special session held at 3:00 PM, May 10. Motion 2nd by Wayne Stuberg. Motion carried.

Issue Priorities:

- 1) Overlap of Developmental Disabilities & Mental Health Services
Vocational Rehabilitation
General focus - Investigation into Service Providers (including Independent Providers)
Wait List
- 2) The committee would like to have officers, Vice Chair in case the Chair is unavailable and a secretary.
Would like to hold elections at July meeting.
- 3) Committee would like to modify the agenda. Would like the chair to facilitate the agenda.
Would like the department to have a specified report. Would like to have time limits on the agenda.
Would like to request one meeting a year with the Governor or Chief of Staff.
- 4) Marketing and outreach. Would like to increase by utilizing of community partner's such as the ARC, Disability Rights Nebraska.

Motion by Edison McDonald with Seconded by Joseph Valenti to approve the issue priorities as presented. Discussion followed.

Wayne Stuberger made a motion to amend the main motion to reflect that the Division will continue to provide support taking the minutes (currently Tyla Watson) and have a Secretary-in-name review the minutes prior to final committee approval. Amendment 2nd by Joseph Valenti. Amendment Carries. Main motion carried as amended.

Joseph Valenti made a motion specifying that the committee would meet monthly. Motion Second by Linda Jespersen. Discussion Followed. Joseph Valenti moved to remove the motion as presented.

V. Share of Cost

Recently, the Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care received guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Share of cost will not be applied to clients eligible under the disabled adult child category who are receiving waiver services.

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

- a) State Transition Plan Update
 - Handout – May – June Listening sessions dates shared with the Committee
 - The department to provide an update/overview of the State Transition Plan process at the next meeting.
- b) Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act
 - Handout presented to committee – Updated Court-Ordered Custody Act
- c) Systems Update
 - Jillion Lieske is the New Administrator II for Field Operations
 - Teresa Tack-Stogdill will be the District Administrator 2
 - District Administrator 3 position is being posted.
 - Quality Management Team is hiring 9 Quality Control Specialist.
 - National Core Indicators
 - The National Core Indicators (NCI) released the 2016 Adult Consumer Survey report on May 2, 2018 and is posted to the NCI website <https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/resources/reports/>
 - Nebraska specific report expected to be released in next few weeks – will provide more concise detail for us. Team is working with partners at MMI to digest the information, determine action steps, and prepare overview to communicate with stakeholders
 - The Division is in the process of participating in year two of the Staff Stability Survey. Results for the 2016 Staff Stability Survey are in and posted at www.nationalcoreindicators.org. Nebraska did not reach the 95% confidence rate and 5% margin of error rate to be statistically valid in 2016. Nebraska's margin of error rate was 7.11% with 41 of 52 providers participating. Participation is voluntary but if do not reach confidence rate this year we will not participate next year.
 - The Division is also conducting its own participant experience and satisfaction survey. Self-Advocates along with the Quality Management team will conduct the surveys during this summer.
- d) Rate Rebase and Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update
 - Phase I - Rate Rebase: (*understanding service costs and cost components*)
 - The Division presented the latest version of the rate model and 3 budget neutrality options to the Provider Advisory Group (PAG) group on April 12, 2018. The PAG has requested an extension to provide comments.

- The Division also worked with the PAG revising Service Definitions and drafts were submitted to CMS on May 3, 2018. Once we have CMS feedback we will share with the advisory group.
 - The Division intends on asking CMS for an extension to the work plan dates but until we review and respond to the PAGs comments the implementation date we will request is unknown.
 - Looking at 2 workgroups in the near future.
 - (a) Exception Tier for Behavioral Needs
 - (b) Looking at a Crisis Stabilization exception rate
- e) Disability Services Stakeholder Olmstead Planning Advisory Committee (LB1033) Update
- Olmstead web page is currently under construction that will be available on the DHHS public site.
 - Actively drafting a Request for Proposal for consultative services to develop a comprehensive strategic Olmstead plan for Nebraska. RFP should be open for bids soon.
 - Have potential funding source for contractor that we are exploring
- f) Vocational Rehabilitation Funding
- Email has been sent to Staff and Providers regarding VR Funding. Courtney will send the email to the committee members a copy of the email that was sent to providers.
 - Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) closed all priority categories on Monday, April 23, 2018.
 - The closure means if the participant did not have a written Individual Plan for Employment (IPE) with VR, the participant, received a letter for placement on VR's waiting list for services.
 - Participants currently with an IPE and in the milestone process will continue with VR services.
 - VR funding is anticipated to resume October 1, 2018 given current projections and availability of federal funds.

VII. Public Comment (7:00 PM)

- a) Wayne Stuberger – Thanked Courtney Miller and Medicaid for all of your hard work with the Share of Cost issue.
- b) MaryAnn Schiefen– Feels the Town hall meetings have made a big difference connecting and they are appreciated.

VIII. New Business

- Inviting DHHS Director of Facilities and Director of the Department of Corrections to a meeting.
 - Disability in the Corrections System. Opening the conversations
 - Edison will draft a letter to send to the Directors and Joyce (or MaryAnn) will send to continue.
 - Edison would like to also invite Senator Halloran and Senator Pansing-Brooks
- Wayne Stuberger offered to present on the NCI data.

IX. Adjournment

Edison McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori Bryant 2nd the motion. Motioned carried. MaryAnn Schiefen adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM