

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

August 22, 2019

I. Call to order

Joseph Valenti called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:00 am on Thursday, August 22, 2019 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 Present: Joseph Valenti, Margaret Huss, Lisa Pruitt, Linda Jespersen, MaryAnn Schiefen, Kristen Larsen, William Ehegartner, Cathy Martinez, Diane Focht, Jennifer Miller, Angela Willey

Advisory Members Absent: Norma Mercer, Vicki Depenbusch, Lori Broady, Debbie Salomon, Dianna DeLair, Wayne Stuberg, Butch Crookedfoot, Janelle Smith

DHHS Staff: Courtney Miller, Tyla Watson

III. Review/Approval of Order of Business

- Motion to amend the order of business by moving the “Future Meetings Dates and Times”, and “Code of Conduct” after approval of minutes made by MaryAnn Schiefen and 2nd by Cathy Martinez. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve the order of business as amended, motion 2nd by Linda Jespersen. The order of business was approved as amended.

IV. Approval of minutes from June Meeting

- Corrections to the meeting minutes – remove “Did not have a quorum present” and note that Butch Crookedfoot and Bob Davis were in attendance at the June 20 meeting.
- Kristen Larsen made a motion to approve minutes with correction, motion 2nd by Linda Jespersen. The minutes were approved as amended.

V. Future meeting dates and time

- Handout - Survey results on meeting preferences was shared with the committee.
- Discussion Followed.
- Motion by Diane Focht, 2rd by William Ehegartner to set meeting times at 10:00 - 2:00 PM. Motion Carried.
- Dates of the next 4 meetings are:
 - Thursday, October 10, 2019
 - Thursday, December 5, 2019
 - Thursday, February 13, 2020
 - Thursday, April 23, 2020

VI. Code of Conduct

- Handout - title changed to “Meeting Guidelines for Members.” No other changes made to the document.
- Motion made by Kristen Larsen 2nd by William Ehegartner to approve the use of the Code of Conduct.

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

- a) DD Court-Ordered Custody Act (COCA)
 - Since June Meeting - 2 pending cases were activated and 2 new pending cases
 - 28 – Active DD COCA cases
 - 2 – Pending DD COCA cases
 - Reviewing potential legislative changes
- b) Quality Management Plan Update
 - 1) Contract with quality improvement organization-like (QIO) entity
 - QIO RFP writer proposals due 08/21/2019. Evaluations due to Procurement week from Friday.
 - Next phase to continue our commitment and implement model practices for components of a robust oversight framework.
 - Contract scope of work would include:
 - i. incident report management system
 - ii. death mortality reviews
 - iii. training
 - iv. technical assistance to assist in building community based provider capacity
 - 2) Participant Experience Survey – 2nd year.
 - Developed from feedback from Medicaid HCBS DD waiver Participants.
 - The survey built off Nebraska’s results in the 2016-2017 National Core Indicators (NCI) Adult Consumer report. Because the NCI Adult Consumer survey is based on a set of standard questions used nationwide, the Division focused its Participant Experience Survey to probe further into areas in which the NCI Adult Consumer survey found Nebraska to be below the national average.
 - 100 surveys are to be conducted across the state which began in June, 2019. 84 surveys have been completed as of August 12, 2019.
- c) Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver Amendment Update
 - The Division submitted responses to Request for Formal Information (RFI) and resubmitted the waivers in June 19, 2019. Which started the 90-day clock for CMS review and approval.
 - The Division is now waiting for CMS approval to implement the waivers which is now anticipated for October.
- d) Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update
 - OAP Redesign Phase II (*changing reimbursement structure for services*)
 - The Division continues their work with Optumas and Alvarez & Marsal, along with 3 Advisory groups on the Objective Assessment Process (OAP).

- The project is on target for Model presentations to Advisory Groups in March, 2020. Phase II is anticipated to be completed in 2020.
 - Discussion Followed.
- e) Level of Care Assessment Tool Redesign
- DHHS has contracted with Optumas to review the state's current Level of Care (LOC) assessment tools for Nursing Facilities (NF)
 - Phase I – NF LOC assessment tools for children and adults
 - Phase II – Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF) LOC assessment tools for children and adults.
 - Optumas will then redesign if necessary, the tool(s) so that they can comport with best practices in the Medicaid LOC assessment arena and validate any updates or changes to the tool(s) to ensure they produce valid and reliable LOC recommendations.
 - Additional information can be found at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/LOCRedesign.aspx>
 - Discussion Followed.
- f) BSDC Tour
- Senators and Legislative staff toured BSDC on August 15. Tour went well.
 - Senators present at tour included: Senator Sara Howard, Senator John Arch, Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, Senator Dave Murman, Senator Lynne Walz, Senator Myron Dorn
- g) Annual Let's Talk State Tour
- Handout – Copy of Press release/Dates
 - Discussion Followed.
- h) Waitlist
- As of August 1, 2019
 - 2349 on waitlist
 - 367 on the waitlist are minors
 - 275 # newly eligible in Calendar year 2019

VIII. Olmstead Plan Update

- Olmstead Executive Group met on May 22, 2019 and the Advisory Committee met on June 21, 2019.
- Olmstead Project Manager was hired and started August 5, 2019 to manage the project.
- Next Olmstead Advisory Committee meeting is November 5, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 PM.
- The plan and report is on target to be submitted to the legislature on December 15, 2019.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a) National Core Indicators Letter to Governor
- The letter is not complete. Kristen Larsen is following up with Dianne Delair and will provide an update at the next meeting.

X. New Business

- a) DD Council – Person Centered Planning Sub-award
 - o DD Council just approved \$108,000 in subaward funding to develop and distribute Person-Centered Planning training in Nebraska. The Council is collaborating with DHHS Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care (MLTC) to provide funding for this project. Funds from Medicaid’s Money Follows the Person program in the amount of \$78,000 will be utilized with \$30,000 in Council funds for this one year project that begins October 1, 2019.
 - o Kristen will provide more details at the next meeting about this and other sub awards.

- b) DD Council State Plan and Seeking Planning Committee members
 - o The DD Council will be launching efforts to develop the new 5-Year State Plan for 2022-2026.
 - o The Council plans to recruit non-Council members to serve on the Planning Committee to assist the Council with evaluating results from a Comprehensive Review and Analysis of state services, supports, and resources, as well as feedback from a needs assessment survey and focus groups across the state.
 - o This process ultimately leads to the setting of goals and objectives in the new State Plan.
 - o The Planning Committee will begin meeting in March 2020 and again on April 16, and sometime in October 2020.
 - o If any of the DD Advisory Committee members are interested in serving, please let Kristen know.

XI. Public Comment

No public comments.

XII. Adjournment

Joeseph Valenti adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Next meeting to be held:

Thursday, October 10, 2019
10:00-2:00 PM
Nebraska State Office Building - Lower Level C
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