

# *Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee*

## *Meeting Notes*

October 10, 2019

### **I. Call to order**

Joseph Valenti called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:05 am on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level C, 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, Angela Willey, Norma Mercer, Debbie Salomon, Dianna DeLair, Wayne Stuberg

**Advisory Members Absent:** Vicki Depenbusch, Lori Broady, Butch Crookedfoot, Janelle Smith

**DHHS Staff:** Courtney Miller, Tyla Watson

### **III. Review/Approval of Order of Business**

- Motion to approve the order of business as presented made by Wayne Stuberg, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Solomon. The order of business was approved as presented.

### **IV. Approval of minutes from August 22, 2019 Meeting**

- Kristen Larsen made a motion to approve minutes as presented, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Martinez. The minutes were approved.

### **V. DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities – Updates/Review of Action Items**

#### **a) DD Court-Ordered Custody Act (COCA)**

- 31 – Active DD COCA cases
- 0 – Pending DD COCA cases
- Copy of DD COCA Annual Report Handout Presented to Committee
- Discussion Followed

#### **b) Quality Management Plan Update**

- 1) Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)
  - Request for proposals (RFP) for QIO Services is in development.
- 2) CMS Health and Welfare Review - Nebraska Visit
  - CMS is visiting every state.
  - Nebraska has been notified CMS will be onsite December 9-13, 2019.
  - Meet with Providers, Families, Protection and Advocacy, and Adult Protection Services.
  - Dianne DeLair and William Ehegartner offered to dual represent the committee at any necessary meetings.

**c) Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver Amendment Update**

- The Division has received approval and implemented the waiver on October 1, 2019.
- Discussion Followed

**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). Phase II Advisory Group meetings scheduled for October 22 (Clinicians & Providers/Agency Reps) & 23 (Individuals & Families)
- The project is on target for Model presentations to Advisory Groups in March 2020.
- Discussion Followed.

**e) Level of Care Assessment Tool Redesign**

- Institutional Level of Care Assessment Redesign Project PowerPoint Handout shared with committee on progress to data on Phase I.
- Phase I LOC 2<sup>nd</sup> Focus Group – October 23, 2019 5:00 PM – Child 6:30 Adult
- Discussion Followed

**f) Waitlist**

- As of October 1, 2019
  - 2571 on waitlist
  - 1074 minors on the waitlist (Note: this a higher number than the last report. Previous number reports was the number of minors that were currently Medicaid eligible however it did not count those that are currently over income and would become Medicaid eligible with waiver slot offer.)
  - 383 # newly eligible in Calendar year 2019
  - Discussion Followed

**VI. Olmstead Plan Update**

- Next Olmstead Advisory Committee meeting is November 5, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 PM., LLA
- The plan is on target to be submitted to the legislature on December 15, 2019.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

- a) National Core Indicators Letter to Governor
  - The letter was completed, September 30 and sent to the Governor, CEO Dannette Smith, and Courtney Miller

**VIII. New Business**

- a) DD Council – Person Centered Planning Sub-award
  - 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.

- b) Wayne Stuberg - ACL wants to hear back about the emergency response on flooding.
  - o Federal entities will be here in November 17 &18 in Bellevue and Norfolk.

**IX. Public Comment**

No public comments.

**X. Adjournment**

Joseph Valenti adjourned the meeting at 12:38 PM.

Next meeting to be held:

Thursday, December 5, 2019

10:00-2:00 PM

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