

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

August 20, 2020

I. Call to order

Joseph Valenti called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:05 am on Thursday, August 20, 2020 via WebEx. Location open to Public – Conference Room 5G, Nebraska State Office, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Advisory Members Present: Joseph Valenti, Lisa Pruitt, Linda Jespersen, MaryAnn Schiefen, Kristen Larsen, Diane Focht, Angela Willey, Debbie Salomon, Jennifer Miller, Dianna DeLair, Margaret Huss, Lori Broady, Lorie Regier, Michelle Summers

Advisory Members Absent: Vicki Depenbusch, Butch Crookedfoot, Cathy Martinez, William Ehegartner

DHHS Staff Present: Tony Green, Tyla Watson

Other Attendees Present: Mark Smith on behalf of Mark Shriver, Robert Davis on behalf of Butch Crookedfoot

III. Approval of Agenda

MaryAnn Schiefen moved to approve the agenda as presented. 2nd by Debbie Salomon. Agenda approved as presented.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April meeting

Debbie Salomon made a motion to approve minutes as presented, motion 2nd by Diana Focht. Minutes approved as presented.

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

a) COVID-19 Update

- Bi-Weekly COVID-19 Calls – Next stakeholder call is August 24, 2020 - 4:00 PM
- Waiver Amendment Appendix K:Emergency Preparedness Update
 - Internal DHHS discussions occurring to seek approval for an extension to 12/31/20.
- Updates on Cases in Services - Developmental Disabilities (DD) Day, Comprehensive, Aged & Disabled (A&D), and Traumatic Brain Injury waivers:
 - 132 COVID-19 Cases
 - 75 receiving services through DD waivers
 - 57 receiving services through A&D waiver.
 - 15 Deaths
 - 3 deaths of people receiving services through DD waiver
 - 12 deaths of people receiving services through A&D waiver
- Discussion Followed.

b) DD Court-Ordered Custody Act (DDCOCA)

- HANDOUT: DD Court Ordered Custody Statistics
- 31 DDCOCA cases
- Since June – One case dismissed and one new case
- Discussion followed.

c) Quality Management Plan Update

- The RFP for contracting with a quality improvement organization-like (QIO) entity to continue our commitment and implement model practices for components of a robust quality oversight framework was open with proposals due August 14.
- 3 bidders that are currently being scored right now. Which should be complete by August 28.
- Contract execution with the awarded vendor should be mid-October.

d) Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update

- The Objective Assessment Process redesign project remains on schedule.
- Final recommendations have been provided for the Enhanced Risk Identification Model and tier structure for individual budgets.
- No changes to the current screening tools has been recommended based on stakeholder feedback. The financial data template has been implemented.
- Discussion followed.

e) Level of Care Assessment Redesign Project Update

- Phase I (Nursing Facility) Update: DHHS and Optumas are working with MLTC on proposed regulations that align revised criteria and the interRAI Home Care standardized assessment tool.
 - A population impact study is being conducted in August which means the current assessment and the interRAI Pediatric Home Care (PEDS-HC) assessment tool will be completed concurrently so that the level of care can be determined based on the current tool and processes and also that the NF LOC algorithm developed according to the proposed criteria has minimal impact to the current A&D waiver children's population.
 - Next steps are to execute an agreement with Therap to provide the software necessary to PEDS-HC and training for all assessors. The interRAI PEDS-HC is on track to implement January 2021.
- Phase II (Intermediate Care Facility) Update: Final recommendations have been provided by Optumas regarding proposed criteria for DD eligibility and ICF Level of Care. All listening sessions and focus groups sessions have been completed for the recommendation report.
- Discussion Followed.

f) Waitlist Update

- HANDOUT: Waiting List Statistics
- 2987 Total on waiting list (as of 08/18/2020)
- On waitlist

- 322 Currently receiving Aged and Disabled Waiver
- 653 Currently receiving DDAD – Day Waiver
- 383 Currently receiving DD Service Coordination receiving some sort of services while on waiting list
- Discussion followed.
- If anyone needs any more detailed information on the waiting list for any advocacy or reporting reasons please reach out to Tony Green.

g) Provider Update

- Currently 59 agencies w/114 certifications
- In 2020 DHHS had 5 Certifications Terminations
- Independent Providers: Oversight and accountability is something that the DHHS is reviews.
- Cost of administrative fees (such as background check) is built into the rate for both Independent & Certified Agency Providers).
- Discussion Followed.

VI. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business discussed.

VII. Public Comments requested at 11:35 AM

No public comments heard

VIII. New Business

- a) Next meeting dates:
 - October 8, 2020
 - December 3, 2020
- b) Kristen Larsen - Has been participating with meetings with Federal partners. Growing concerns regarding flu shots and masks. Any suggests on how to encourage people please to get shots or masks please let me know.
- c) The DD Council is collaborating with DHHS with contractor to do a person centered planning to kick off in September. On target to launch training a flyer will be forth coming.
- d) Mark Smith – UNMC Munroe Meyer Institute is continuing the Leadership training.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Debbie Solomon, second from Diana Focht adjourn the meeting. Joseph Valenti adjourned the meeting at 11:50.

Next meeting to be held:

Thursday, October 8, 2020
 10:00-2:00 PM
 NSOB Location TBD/WebEx