

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

February 11, 2021

I. Call to order

MaryAnn Schiefen called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:05 am on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Meeting held via WebEx # 1450746830.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Advisory Members Present: Lisa Pruitt, Linda Jespersen, Kristen Larsen, Angela Willey, Debbie Salomon, Jennifer Miller, Dianna DeLair, Margaret Huss, Mark Shriver, MaryAnn Schiefen, Lorie Regier, Diane Focht, Suzie Wahgren

Advisory Members Absent: Vicki Depenbusch, Butch Crookedfoot, Cathy Martinez, Michelle Summers, Debbie Salomon, Lori Broady

DHHS Staff Present: Tony Green, Tyla Watson, Curtis Walters, Jennifer Perkins

Other: Joe Valenti, Dr. Tricia Wek Visser, Anna Bromberg, Edison McDonald

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Jen Miller to approve the agenda as presented. 2nd by Lorie Regier. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April meeting

Motion made by Kristen Larsen and 2nd by Lorie Regier to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

V. Committee Duties

- a) HANDOUTS: Statutes 83-1212.01 Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities & 83-1216.01 Quality Management and Improvement Plan
- b) Reviewed duties listed in statute.
- c) Discussion Followed.

VI. Committee Chair Recommendations

- a) Nomination made by Linda Jespersen for MaryAnn Schiefen to be recommended as committee chair– Nomination Supported by Dianna DeLair, Diane Focht, Kristen Larsen, Mark Shriver, Margaret Huss, Jennifer Miller, Linda Jespersen, & Lisa Pruitt
- b) The Division to submit the nomination to the Governor's office for consideration.

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

a) Introduction of new deputy deputies

- Curtis Walters & Jennifer Perkins
- Discussion Followed.

b) COVID-19 Update

- Waiver Amendment Appendix K:Emergency Preparedness
 - Current Appendix K's (all 4 Waivers) are valid through 03/05/2021
- Update on COVID-19 Cases in the Services
 - 1007 total positive cases
 - A&D 478 positive 49 deaths
 - DD 529 positive 12deaths

c) DD Court-Ordered Custody Act (DDCOCA)

- HANDOUT: DD Court Ordered Custody Statistics
- Currently 34 DD COCA cases
- Discussion followed.

d) Quality Management Plan Update

- Liberty Healthcare has been awarded and work has begun to continue our commitment and implement model practices for components of a robust quality oversight framework
- Liberty Healthcare will be providing a quality data information system, analyzing the current quality system and providing recommendations for comprehensive roadmap for enhancement to the system.
- Discussion followed.

e) Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update

- The population impact study for the proposal Enhanced Risk Identification Model and Tier structure for individual budgets in complete.
- The next step is sharing is sharing the recommendations with stakeholders and receiving feedback on the budget tiers.
- Discussion followed.

f) Level of Care Assessment Redesign Project Update

- Phase I (Nursing Facility) Update:
 - The children nursing facility level of care (NF LOC) criteria revised regulations have been promulgated and the interRAI PEDS-HC standardized assessment has been implemented as of 01/01/2021.
 - Focus has begun on minor revisions to the Adult NF LOC regulations and implementing the interRAI Home Care (HC) standardized assessment for the Adult/Aged populations. Target date for implementing the adult NF LOC in July 2021.
- Phase II (Intermediate Care Facility) Update:
 - DD is planning to implement the recommendation of using the ICAP for ICF LOC.
 - Priority is to focus on implementing the interRAI-HC for the NF LOC for the adults/aged in July, and ICF LOC is targeted for by 12/31/21
- Discussion followed.

g) Waitlist Update

- HANDOUT: Waiting List Statistics
 - 2,968 Total on waiting list
 - 46% or 1,378 receiving some sort of services while on waiting list
 - 33% are receiving a waiver service
- Funding offers
 - 100 Slots
 - 150 Offers
 - 51 declined services and removed themselves from the list
 - Reasons for declining include: services not needed, moved out of state and did not notify DD, or unable to locate
- Discussion followed.

h) Beatrice State Developmental Center

- Current Census 89 total
 - 85 long term care
 - 4 stabilization unit
- Myers and Stauffer LLC Contract
 - To provide a comprehensive resource evaluation for the Beatrice State Developmental Center, the Lincoln Regional Center, and the Norfolk Regional Center.
- Discussion followed.

VIII. Public Comments requested at 11:35 AM

No public comments received.

IX. New Business

- a) Discussed Legislative Bills (LB):
 - LB101
 - LB225
 - LB376
 - LB493
- b) Tellus - Electronic Visit Verification
 - Committee members expressed concerns about Tellus – Not user friendly
 - Discussion Followed
- c) Agenda Items at next meeting.
 - Electronic Visit Verification
 - Overview of How Rates are Develop
 - Staff Stability Survey – National Core Indicators (Show how Nebraska compares to other states)

X. Adjournment

Mary Ann adjourned the meeting at 11:59 AM.

Next meeting to be held:

Thursday, February 11, 2021, 10:00 AM, Location TBD