

***Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee***  
***Meeting Minutes***  
February 10, 2022

**I. Call to order**

MaryAnn Schiefen called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:05 am on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

**II. Roll call**

The following persons were present:

**Advisory Members Present:** MaryAnn Schiefen, Debbie Salomon, Linda Jespersen, Kristen Larsen, Mark Shriver, Jennifer Miller, Lori Regier, Margaret (Peg) Huss, Debbie Salomon, Angela Willey, Suzanne (Suzie) Walgren, Diane Focht, Michelle Summers, Diana DeLair, Stacy Bliss, Christina Zeleski, Dorothy Ackland, Kizzie Vaughn  
**Advisory Members Absent:** Angela Willey, Lisa Pruitt, Cathy Martinez  
**DHHS Staff:** Tony Green, Tyla Watson, Shauna Adams, Colin Large  
**Other:** Joe Valenti, Darryl Millner

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Debbie Salomon moved to approve the agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lori Regier. Agenda approved as presented.

**IV. Approval of Minutes from December Meeting**

Peg Huss made a motion to approve minutes, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Focht. Minutes approved as presented.

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

- a) Independent Provider Enrollment Update – Shauna Adams
  - Flowchart of Independent Provider Enrollment Process
  - Enrollment Process – Average 28 days
  - Discussion followed.
  
- b) Registry Update
  - HANDOUT – Registry Statistics
    - 2890 on Registry as of February 1, 2022
    - 32% on the Registry are receiving other waiver services
  - Offers made to date for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year – 250
    - August 2021 – 132 Offers
    - January 2022 – 118 Offers
  - Discussion followed.
  
- c) Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act (DD COCA)
  - HANDOUT - DD Court Ordered Custody Act Statistics
  - 40 Active DD COCA Cases

- d) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – HCBS
  - Appendix K submitted to CMS February 3, 2022
  - Draft Appendix K is for all 4 waivers for a temporary wage increase for services January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022
    - TBI Waiver added \$20 per day to Assisted Living Facility (ALF) rate;
    - AD Waiver added \$20 per day to ALF rate and 15% to other services rates;
    - DD Waivers added 15% to provider rates, added ability to provide Day services in alternate locations, and added the flexibility that Day services may be provided by either an agency, independent or residential habilitation provider or shared living providers.
  - All documents are on the DHHS website.
  - Discussion followed.
  
- e) Legislative Updates
  - LB 376 - Family Supports Waiver (Amendment 1707 added to the bill - consultant);
  - LB 1216 – Changes provisions relating to appointment of guardians and conservators;
  - Discussion followed.

## **VI. Quality Update – Colin Large & Darryl Millner**

- Critical Incident Reporting
- Liberty Healthcare Corporation Strategic Planning Session – In-Depth Analysis Report
  - PowerPoint shared with the committee.
  - Discussion followed.
  - Follow up: Tyla Watson to send a copy of the PowerPoint to the committee.

## **VII. Public Comment**

- Joe Valenti – Former Committee Member and Advocate
  - Regarding Quality Update: There are quite a few legal rights committees and group that already look at a lot of these things.
    - Educating someone about their own rights is a hard process. Suggest checking into BSDC’s process
    - If an individual is able to write down their own complaint
    - Would suggest that verbal abuse be considered a form of abuse.
  - Concern: There is a lot of grouping of individuals during the day outside of day service locations or workshops, is concerned about the level of services being provided and would encourage the committee to look into this.
  - Was there a DSP shortage before the pandemic? Response: Yes
  - Cost reports – Hopes we are receiving accurate cost reports from providers that show actual costs.
  - Concern: The committee used to report to the committee about BSDC. Larry Kahl oversees BSDC now. Would like to know if the committee will get updates about BSDC? Response: If the committee would like to invite Larry to provide updates, we can do that. This is up to the committee.

**VIII. Immerging Issues**

- HANDOUT: Nebraska Association of Service Providers
- Discussion Followed.

**IX. Continued discussion: committee goals**

- Would like to have guest speakers from other programs or divisions to provide education
- By-Laws – to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

**X. New Business**

- Discussed Possible Agenda Items for upcoming Meetings:
  - Open Discussion Time
  - How are we supporting people’s person-centered choices? Example: A person with a disability can get married. What supports are in place or should be in place to help that person actually reach their goals? We say people can do things but are we actually providing supports to make that happen.

**XI. Adjournment**

MaryAnn Schiefen adjourned the meeting at 1:21 PM.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, April 14, 2022  
10:00-2:00 PM  
DHHS Office  
Conference Room “P”  
5220 South 16<sup>th</sup> St  
Lincoln, NE 68512