

# *Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee*

## *Meeting Minutes*

November 3, 2017

### **1) Call to order**

Joyce Werner called to order the regular meeting of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:00 am on November 3, 2017 at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level B, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE.

### **2) Roll call**

The following persons were present:

**Advisory Members:** Sharilyn Cole, Butch Crookedfoot, Diane DeLair, William Ehegartner, Diane Focht, Linda Jespersen, Margaret Huss, Kristen Larsen, Cathy Martinez, Norma Mercer, Lisa Pruitt, Debbie Salomon, MaryAnn Schiefen, Joyce Werner

**DHHS Staff:** Courtney Miller, Tony Green, Corina Harrison, Anna Bromberg, Tyla Watson

**Other:** Bob Davis, Tiffany Gleason, Edison McDonald

### **3) Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Motion made by Kristen Larsen to approve minutes as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret Huss. The minutes were approved as presented.

### **4) Discuss Alternative Meeting Times/length**

Motion made by Cathy Martinez to try an evening or weekend meeting in March. 2<sup>nd</sup> By Linda Jespersen. Motion carried.

### **5) Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act**

- Discussed the Documents that were discussed at the September meeting: Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act Statutes, Process Flow Chart, & Quarterly Report Template Letter. Tyla Watson to email out to members.
- Members asked to provide division with feedback on what information they would like to receive.

### **6) Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) State Tour**

- Courtney Miller visited almost all DHHS offices that house DDD team members and held public town-hall meetings across the state in September and October.
- New town-hall locations: Wayne and Valentine – Both were very well attended
- Omaha had the highest attendance, Lincoln and Beatrice were the lowest attended.
- Next year the division is looking at new ways to improve attendance and get the meeting dates out.
- Discussion followed.

### **7) Medicaid Waiver Implementation**

- 100% of the individuals in services have been transitioned to the new services.

### 8) Rate Rebase and Objective Assessment Redesign Project

- Providers have provided their general ledgers. They are currently being reviewed by Optimus.
- Optimus was onsite and met with the division and is working on some of the things discussed.
- Objective Redesign Project has started. We are not doing ICAP's in the month of November.
- Staff are going to have a training on ICAP in late November or early December. The plan is to continue with the ICAP's after that time. It may be January before this happens.

### 9) Beatrice State Developmental Center

- Megan Gumbel, Deputy Director of Quality and State Operated Facilities has accepted a new position. Jason Cohorst and Corina Harrison will be helping with providing leadership support at BSDC. Anna Bromberg will report directly to Courtney regarding quality.
- Current census is 112.
  - 108 long term residents.
  - 3 for short-term crisis stabilization (2 are in active transition)
  - 1 from Bridges
- Currently working with Public Health on licensing to provide respite facility services.
- Discussion Followed

### 10) Public Comments

- Meeting opened to public comments at 1:02 PM.
- MaryAnn Has noticed change for the better since Courtney Miller has started there have been some challenges but she appreciates all of the work you have done.
- Diana Focht – Concerned about guardianship for her daughter when the family dies. This is a worry for a lot of parents.
- Discussion Followed.

### 11) Waiting List Update

- *Waiting list:* As of October 30, 2017
  - 5321 individuals in services
  - 2098 individuals on the waitlist
- *Service Offers:* 580 offers made

### 12) Regulations

- Proposed 403 Regulations have been posted on our website. They have been moved on with the process. The public meeting date has not been posted yet at this time.
- 404 Regulations are currently in the first draft review.

### 13) Adjournment

Norma Mercer motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Jespersen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motioned carried.

Joyce Werner adjourned the meeting at 1:49 PM.

Next meeting to be held: January 12, 2018  
10:00 – 2:00 PM  
Lower Level B  
Nebraska State Office Building  
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Lincoln, NE