Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2018

I. Call to order
Joyce Werner called to order the regular meeting of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:05 am on March 9, 2018 at the Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level B, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE.

II. Roll call
The following persons were present:
Advisory Members: Lorrie Bryant, Sharilyn Cole, Butch Crookedfoot, Diane DeLair, Diane Focht, Linda Jespersen, Margaret Huss, Norma Mercer, Lisa Pruitt, Debbie Salomon, MaryAnn Schiefen, Joyce Werner, Edison McDonald, Joseph Valenti
DHHS Staff: Courtney Miller, Corina Harrison, Tammy Westfall, Tyla Watson
Other: Bob Davis, Tiffany Gleason, Mark Schultz, Joni Delaney

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting
- Draft Minutes amended: Corrections to Butch’s name in Roll call section and correction to read “Lincoln and Beatrice were the lowest attended” under state tour section.
- Motion made by Edison McDonald to approve minutes as amended. Seconded by Debbie Salomon. The minutes were approved as amended.

IV. Discuss Alternative Meeting Times/length
Motion made by Edison McDonald to hold the next meeting on May 10, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Motion second by Joe Valenti. Motion carried.

V. Vocational Rehabilitation – Mark Schultz
- Provided an overview of relationship between the Division of Developmental Disabilities & Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Worked with Federal agencies on work incentives for quality jobs for providers.
- Currently has 40 full time employees that are dedicated to work with the schools. Almost 3500 students receiving supported employment services.
- Leadership in Nebraska understands what is needed. Long Term Competitive Employment is Vocational Rehabilitations goal.
- Project Search has been very successful. 17 current Project Search sites.

VI. DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities – Updates/Review of Action Items
a) STP Presentation
- Collaborating with Medicaid. Will have present at either the May or July Meeting.
- Request the division provide an email update before the next meeting if possible.
b) Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act
- Court-Ordered Custody Act Report shared with the committee. Members asked to review and what more detailed info the committee would like to see.
- Overview of the Court-ordered custody act discussed.
Committee requested the committee report indicate when new people are added as a new court-ordered custody act.

c) Systems Update
   o March is DD Awareness Month
     ▪ Ice Cream Social at Beatrice State Developmental Center
     ▪ Governor Proclamation
   o Tammy Westfall, New Deputy Director of Quality and Policy hired in December.
   o Regulations
     ▪ 403 went to public hearing and received feedback. There were substantive changes so they may have to go back out for Public Comment.
     ▪ 404 – under review with the regulation workgroup.
   o Quality Improvement
     ▪ Advisory members provided copy of self-advocate recruitment flyer.
     ▪ The quality improvement team is looking for self-advocates to join the Division to conduct participants surveys.
   o Extended Family Homes subcontracting arrangements.
     ▪ CMS have agreed to alternative approach to allow subcontracting under certain circumstances instead of the Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) model.
     ▪ Currently surveying providers on their current practices.

d) Rate Rebase and Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update
   o Rate model proposal was given to providers. Providers requested an extension on feedback.
   o Based on the feedback that has been received we do expect there to be changes to the proposal.

e) Beatrice State Developmental Center Update
   o Current Census is: 108
     ▪ 104 Long term residents
     ▪ 5 for short-term crisis stabilization
   o Currently reviewing applications for the Facility Administrator Position

f) Disability Services Stakeholder Olmstead Planning Advisory Committee (LB1033) Update
   o Committee has recommended the hiring of a consultant to help Nebraska DHHS to help draft the Nebraska Olmstead Plan.

VII. Public Comment
   o Joyce Werner – There is a University of Nebraska facility in Curtis that is not handicap accessible. Finds this to be very concerning.

VIII. Medicaid Eligibility for Individuals receiving Long-Term Services & Supports – Crystal Georgiana
   o Disabled Adult Children (DAC) and Share of Cost; Q&A’s handout shared with committee.
   o Copy of the federal statute 435.726- Post-eligibility treatment of income of individuals receiving home and community-based services furnished under a waiver: Application of patient income to the cost of care.

IX. New Business
   a) Committee Planning Session
      o Committee would like to have an optional planning session prior to the next meeting on May 10.
      o Members will meet at 4:00 PM in the Lincoln Community Foundation
      o Diane DeLair to touch base with Edison to make sure space is available.
X. **Adjournment**

Mary Ann Schiefen motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Jespersen 2nd the motion. Motioned carried. Joyce Werner adjourned the meeting at 2:06 PM.

Next meeting to be held: May 10, 2018

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Lincoln Community Foundation

5th Floor – Large Conference Room

215 Centennial Mall South

Lincoln, NE 68508