

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
October 8, 2020

I. Call to order

Joseph Valenti called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:04 am on Thursday, October 8, 2020. Meeting held via WebEx # 145 825 6649 and in person at & Public Location - CEO Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Advisory Members Present: Joseph Valenti, Lisa Pruitt, Linda Jespersen, Kristen Larsen, Diane Focht, Angela Willey, Debbie Salomon, Jennifer Miller, Dianna DeLair, Margaret Huss, William Ehegartner, Mark Shriver

Advisory Members Absent: Vicki Depenbusch, Butch Crookedfoot, Cathy Martinez, MaryAnn Schiefen, Lori Broady, Lorie Regier, Michelle Summers

DHHS Staff Present: Tony Green, Tyla Watson

III. Approval of Agenda

Debbie Salomon moved to approve the agenda as presented. 2nd by Bill Ehegartner. Agenda approved as presented.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April meeting

Bill Ehegartner made a motion to approve minutes as presented, motion 2nd by Linda Jespersen. Minutes approved as presented.

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

a) COVID-19 Update

- Waiver Amendment Appendix K:Emergency Preparedness Update
 - Extension was approved on 09/14/2020
 - The Extension Appendix K's includes :
 - All service flexibilities currently in the Waivers to remain intact (alternative settings etc...)
 - All flexibilities in a participant's plan development (ISP or POSS) to remain intact
 - Allow increased rates for certain DD Wavier services:
 - 9/07/2020 – 10/31/2020 10%
 - 11/01/2020 – 12/31/2020 5%
- Update on COVID-19 Cases in the Services
 - 179 total positive cases
 - AD 83 positive 13 deaths
 - DD 86 positive 3 deaths
 - No BSDC residents have tested positive

b) DD Court-Ordered Custody Act (DDCOCA)

- HANDOUT: DD Court Ordered Custody Statistics
- 33 DD COCA cases
- Since August – two new cases
- Discussion followed.

c) Quality Management Plan Update

- Intent to award was given to Liberty Healthcare Inc.
- Discussion followed.

d) Objective Assessment Redesign Project Update

- The Objective Assessment Process redesign project remains on schedule for July 1, 2021 implementation.
- 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. Public Hearing likely to be held early November
 - 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 1, 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 to be implementation in 2021.
- Discussion followed.

f) Waitlist Update

- HANDOUT: Waiting List Statistics
 - 2959 Total on waiting list
 - 1362 receiving some sort of services while on waiting list
 - Made offers to 100 people
- Discussion followed.

g) Beatrice State Developmental Center

- Current Census 95 total
 - 88 long term care

- 7 stabilization unit
- Larry Kahl, Chief Operating Officer
- Tony Green is having Let's Talk Meetings w/BSDC staff Thursday, October 15, 2020
- Discussion followed.

VI. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business discussed.

VII. Public Comments requested at 11:08 AM

No public comments heard

VIII. New Business

a) DD Advisory Committee role in updating the DD Policy Manual

- HANDOUT: DD Policy Manual – Revision Process Timeline
- Going forward looking at Policy Manual updates 2 times a year. The DD Advisory Committee will be part of that process.

b) State Management of Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Waiting Lists – Issue Brief

- Encourage committee to read if you have not. Discusses the different ways states run their waitlists: Date of Application vs Level of Need
- Discussion followed.

c) Olmstead Update

- Draft submission was 2019.
- Steering committee meeting reconvened in September to begin updating progress on the plan and moving forward.
- Contractor TAC is to have a December 15, 2020 report on progress.

d) Person Centered Planning

- Webinars are on the website. Working on engaging families more.

IX. Adjournment

Joseph Valenti adjourned the meeting at 11:44 am.

Next meeting to be held:

Thursday, December 3, 2020
NSOB Location TBD – WebEx