

# ***Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

June 2, 2022

### **I. Call to order**

MaryAnn Schiefen called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 2, 2022.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present:

**Advisory Members Present:** MaryAnn Schiefen, Linda Jespersen, Mark Shriver, Diane Focht, Christina Zeleski, Dorothy Ackland, Lisa Pruitt, Stacey Bliss, Kizzie Vaughn, Debbie Salomon, Margaret Huss, Lori Regier, Suzanne (Suzie) Walgren, Jennifer Miller, Angela Willey

**Advisory Members Absent:** Cathy Martinez, Michelle Summers, Diana DeLair, Kristen Larsen

**DHHS Staff:** Tony Green, Tyla Watson, Larry Kahl, Aaron Smith, Rachel Ward, attending on behalf of Kristen Larsen – DD Council

**Other:** Edison McDonald, Mike Brown, Joe Valenti

### **III. Approval of Agenda**

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

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

Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Peg Huss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Solomon. Minutes approved as presented.

### **V. Larry Kahl – BSDC Update**

- Larry provided a general update on BSDC;
- Staffing issue at the facility, keeping entry level positions filled and high turnover;
- Remodeling in one of the cottages;
- State Org Chart – Requested clarification of leadership between Tony Green and Larry Kahl. Larry Kahl - Managers State Run Facilities 4 state facility
- Discussion followed.

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

#### **a) Registry Update:**

- HANDOUT – Registry Statistics:
  - 2,601 on Registry as of June 1, 2022;
  - 27% on the Registry are receiving other waiver services.
- Discussion followed.

- b) Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered Custody Act (DD COCA)
  - HANDOUT - DD Court-Ordered Custody Act Statistics;
  - 42 Active DD COCA Cases;
  - Discussion followed.
  
- c) 2021-2022 DHHS Business Plan
  - 1) Person Centered System – Charting the Life Course
  - 2) Aged and Disabled Rate Modeling
  - 3) Home and Community-Based Services Single Case Management
    - Discussion followed.
  
- d) Waiver Updates
  - Waiting on final approval for AD and Traumatic Brain Injury Waivers. Expecting feedback any day.
  
- e) Legislative Update
  - LB 1011 & 1014 Provider Rates  
General Budget and the ARPA funding. Continue to work on what those rates will be and will post for a July 1, 2022 implementation.
  - Discussion followed.

**VII. Quality Update – Aaron Smith & Jennifer Quigley, Interim Director Liberty Healthcare**

- Mortality Review Committee
  - Pre-existing conditions
  - . Working on more proactive measures for the committee.
- Polypharmacy – figuring out how to roll out an effective poly pharmacy.
- Critical Implementation Management Process – Has had some growing pains. Within the pilot have gotten a lot of positive feedback from the providers.
  - Aligning information in a more meaningful way
- Workgroups and planning for AD/TBI waivers
- **ACTION ITEM:** Requesting feedback from the committee on any suggestions or comments/concerns about activities:
  - Talking can be difficult for individuals. Do you have people that can help the individual fill out Complaint/Incident forms?
- Discussion followed.

**VIII. Public Comment**

- **Joe Valenti – Omaha**
  - Read through some of the GER recommendations. Are their regular people on the workgroups or is it just providers? Currently SLP Workgroup is providers only. Concern with incident management. – You define the incident, then you depend on the provider to follow it. How do we know what they aren't reporting? Tony - There has not been a robust oversight, this is something the state is currently working on with Liberty.

- Grave concerns about BSDC not being under DD’s purview on the Organizational Chart. Amazed that this doesn’t fall under Tony. It’s put under facility but it is an ICF under DD. Does not know how this would happen without the committee being aware. If you don’t have that DD/ICF background it would be hard to manage and collaborate between the facility and community-based staff - specifically Jesse Bjerrum with clinical that committee met previously. Suggest there be a dotted line to Tony on the org chart.

- **Mike Brown**

- Liberty Health looking to develop better incidents is great. Question: why wouldn’t DHHS/DD just implement a basic satisfaction report for families and people in services? It is so basic. **Response:** The Division does, we currently work with Munroe Meyers the UCEDD on our National Core Indicators surveys.

- **Edison McDonald, ARC of Nebraska**

- ADRC – Has some concerns about how they operate. The ADRC only reports only a handful of people being services. Hoping that changes in statute those numbers will go up. This is important to keep in mind.
- Family Support Waiver – LB376. Was the person that wrote this bill, recently realized that he did not talk to the committee before adding the committee to the bill. Edison wanted to make sure there was a strong group of family members and advocates that can help be a voice for those families. Hopeful to help engage with the committee and be a conduit between the committee and families. The committee does not have a lot of authority. Court ordered custody act and changes to the system. Feels that this would give the committee added authority. Hopes that this committee will be that voice.
- As the Division shifting from DD to Home and Community Based. May be helpful for the committee to shift more from DD to more Home and Community Based. Will likely request legislative changes to make this happen. He would like to know the committee’s opinion.

**IX. Family Support Waiver (LB 376)**

- 1) The evaluation shall consider: (a) Services offered and provided by the state through the Medicaid state plan or by current Medicaid waivers; (b) services offered by other states through Medicaid state plans, Medicaid waivers, or other mechanisms; and (c) any other areas which may be beneficial to the state in the assessment of its developmental disabilities services. Intent is the committee have a formalized process and input on the waiver. It is up the committee to define.
- 2) **ACTION ITEM:** Tony to provide a timeline to the committee at the next meeting.
- 3) Discussion Followed.

**X. Upcoming Meeting**

- **ACTION ITEM:** Next meeting moving public comment to 10:15 AM

**XI. Adjournment**

MaryAnn Schiefen adjourned the meeting at 1:50 PM.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 11, 2022

10:00-2:00 PM

Conference Room P

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