

# ***Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee***

## **Meeting Minutes**

**September 13, 2023**

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

Linda Clemens called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:10 am on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present:

**Advisory Members Present:** Linda Clemens, Lisa Pruitt, Diane Focht, Kristen Larsen, Stacy Bliss, Cris Petersen, Mike Browne, Angela Willey, Jennifer Miller, Peg Huss, Jennifer Hansen, Kizzie Vaughn

**Advisory Members Absent:** Suzanne Wahlgren, Debbie Salomon, Lorie Regier, Dorothy Ackland, Mark Shriver, Christina Zeleski, Dianne DeLair

**DHHS Staff:** Tyla Watson, Jenn Clark, Kristen Smith, Colin Large, Tony Green

**Meeting Attendees:** Paul Murdock, Liberty Health Care; Edison McDonald, Arc of Nebraska; Joe Valenti, Advocate

### **III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

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

### **IV. Developmental Disabilities Updates:**

#### **➤ Registry of Unmet Needs Update**

- HANDOUT: Registry Statistics September 1, 2023;
  - 2,545 of Registry of need
- Discussion followed.

#### **➤ DD Court-Ordered Custody Act Update:**

- HANDOUT: DD Court-Ordered Custody Act Statistics – September 12, 2023;
- 46 Active DD COCA Cases;
- **FOLLOW UP:** Committee would like additional information on charges/crimes people are being held on and a to understand service they are receiving.
- Discussion followed.

### **V. Quality Update presented by Paul Murdoch, Liberty Healthcare & Kristen Smith**

- The DDD Quality Unit, along with Liberty Healthcare, hosts quarterly meetings for providers of all HCBS Waiver services.
- Based on Mortality findings, Liberty has provided a “When to call 9-1-1” presentation as a resource. This is available to anyone on the DHHS - Providers of Medicaid HCBS Waiver Services webpage under Resources to Mitigate Risk: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Home-and-Community-Services-Provider-Information.aspx>
- Discussion followed.

## **VI. Family Support Waiver**

- First Public Comment Period ended Sunday, August 27, 2023. Copy of comments received and the Department responses are available on the DHHS website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DD-Public-Comment.aspx>
- Second Public Comment Period began September 8, 2023 – October 8, 2023. Changes made include:
  - Removed the Fiscal Management Service (FMS). An Request for Proposal (RFP) is needed for this piece. Need to allow for training and testing prior to the beginning of the waiver.
  - Removal of the Participant Directed Goods and Services, which requires an FMS.
  - Adding the requirement of training specific to the Final Setting Rule as a provider requirement.
- Discussion followed.

## **VII. Public Comments:**

- Kristen Larson – shared copy of the Newline newsletter for those that are not on the mailing list with the Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities. It is a summary of the legislative activities from this past year.
- Mike Browne –Edison McDonald has been honored with the “Rising Star Award” by the ARC of the United States. Congratulations to Mr. McDonald.

## **VIII. New Business:**

- CMS Access Rule (CMS-2442-P)
  - HANDOUT: CMS Proposed Access Rules Overview PowerPoint
  - HCBS Grievance System
    - Committee Suggestion: Recommend the department make a mock or roleplay type video on how to report a grievance so the process is less intimidating to people.
    - Increase education on the process.
  - Discussion followed.
- Required Provider Trainings
  - Agency Providers: CPR, Emergency Safety Interventions(ESI) , Abuse/Neglect, Med Aide
  - Independent Providers: CPR, Abuse/Neglect
  - Discussion followed.
- Committee Structure
  - Motion made by Mike Browne establish study group to review the structure of the committee and the possible development of by-laws, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Bliss, motion carried.

## **IX. Adjournment:**

Jennifer Hansen made motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Miller. Meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, October 11, 2023