

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 2nd 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, 2nd by Stacy Bliss, motion carried.

IX. Adjournment:

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

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, October 11, 2023