

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023

I. Call to order

Lorie Regier called to order the regular meetings of the DD Advisory Committee at 10:05 am on Wednesday, October 11, 2023

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Advisory Members Present: Lorie Regier, Linda Clemens, Lisa Pruitt, Diane Focht, Mark Shriver, Kristen Larsen, Stacy Bliss, Mike Browne, Jennifer Hansen, Cris Petersen; Angela Willey, Debbie Salomon, Dorothy Ackland (Listening Virtually/Nonvoting)

Advisory Members Absent: Suzanne Wahlgren, Kizzie Vaughn, Jennifer Miller, Christina Zeleski, Dianne DeLair

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

Meeting Attendees: Nate Panowicz & Sarah Potts, Mosaic; Joe Valenti, Advocate; Phil Gray, Advocate; Edison McDonald, ARC of Nebraska; Nicholas Guerra & Megan Frenzen, Myer & Stauffers; Jennifer Quigley, Liberty Health Care; Josh Midgett & Justin Solomon, ILC.

III. Approval of Agenda

Debbie Salomon moved to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Linda Clemens. Agenda was approved as presented.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Correction to September minutes: Public Comment name needs to be corrected from Kristen Smith to Kristen Larsen. Motion to approve the minutes as amended with the name correction made by Cris Petersen, motion 2nd by Jennifer Hansen. Minutes were approved as presented. No votes to abstain or opposed.

V. Developmental Disabilities Updates:

➤ **Registry of Unmet Needs Update**

- HANDOUT: Registry Statistics October 1, 2023
- 2,575 of Registry of need (30 additional since September meeting)
- Discussion followed.

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

- HANDOUT: DD Court-Ordered Custody Act Statistics – October 10, 2023
- 46 Active DD COCA Cases
- **Follow up:** Division to provide a breakdown on average length of commitment by County.
- Discussion followed.

- **Overview of Shared Living Provider (SLP) Changes:**
 - HANDOUT: Provider Bulletin: Developmental Disabilities (DD) Shared Living Service Changes
 - Providers reached out to DHHS to request the Department review SLP requirements.
 - Bulletin can be found on the DHHS website – DD Provider Bulletin Page: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DD-Provider-Bulletins.aspx>
 - Discussion followed.

VI. Quality Update presented by Jennifer Quigley, Liberty Healthcare

- Annual report has been updated and will be uploaded to the DHHS website once submitted to the Legislature. Jennifer thanked the committee for input and support with the report.
- HANDOUT: Mortality Annual Report
- HANDOUT: Critical Incident Annual Report
- Discussion followed.

VII. Family Support Waiver

- No additional public comments were received from the first round of public comments. Original comments to be submitted with the waiver submission.

VIII. Public Comments:

- No public comments received.

IX. Old Business:

- Discuss committee Study Group to review the structure of the committee and the possibility to develop by-laws.
 - Lorie Regier requested volunteers - Mike Browne, Debbie Solomon, Jennifer Hansen, Kristen Larsen, Stacy Bliss; Non-Committee volunteers: Joe Valenti & Edison McDonald.
 - Jennifer Hansen to send a doodle poll to the volunteers to find a meeting time for the group before the next meeting.

X. New Business:

- DD Rates
 - How often do we review: Must review rates every 5 years;
 - Discussion followed.

XI. System Evaluation Update presented by Myer and Stauffer – Jacquelyn George (Virtual), Megan Frenzen, & Nicholas Guerra

- HANDOUT: PowerPoint presentation Developmental Disabilities (DD) System Evaluation for LB376 DD Advisory Committee Meeting 10/11/2023;
- Final evaluation Report to be submitted November 1, 2023;
- Walked through the recommendation that will be in the final report;
- Members expressed concern with accessibility on the website. Committee members to look at the Nebraska DHHS website. If you have any ADA website concerns please email those to Kristen Smith. Myer & Stauffer suggested that

committee members check out Colorado's website as an example of a site that is currently relatively easy to navigate.

- Discussion followed.

XII. New Business (Continued):

- **November Meeting** - Motion made by Cris Petersen to hold the November meeting as Virtual meeting, 2nd by Jennifer Hansen. Role call vote: Yes: Kristen Larsen, Jennifer Hansen, Mark Shriver, Cris Petersen, Stacy Bliss No: Linda Jespersen, Lorie Reiger, Mike Brown. Motion Carried. November meeting will be advertised as a virtual meeting.

XIII. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Conference Room P
5220 South 16th St
Lincoln, NE