Nebraska Olmstead Planning

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Today’s Discussion

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Discussion of COVID-19 pandemic and Impact on Plan
- High Level Overview of Progress
- Next Steps
  - TAC report timelines
- Public Comment
People with disabilities are living, learning, working, and enjoying life in the most integrated setting.
 Staff resources had to be reallocated to address issues resulting from the pandemic.

Ridership (transportation) decreased significantly impacting rural providers.

School closing impacted NDE and specifically special education.

DHHS division wide data strategy related to Olmstead had to be put on hold due to the resources needed in Public Health to respond to the pandemic.

Despite the pandemic, work continues on the strategies outlined in the plan.
Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Have Access to Individualized Community-based Services and Supports that Meet their Needs and Preferences
Goal 1 Highlights

11 Strategies outlined to address

Accomplishments:

• 11 new Services Coordinators hired for the DD waivers
• 100 waiver offers extended with 73 accepted as of 12/10/2020
• iServe Nebraska-integrated eligibility with vision of being “no wrong door”
• State Opioid Response (SOR) federal grant funds 3 outreach workers
Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Have Access to Safe, Decent, Affordable, Accessible Housing in the Communities in Which They Choose to Live
Goal 2 Accomplishments

- 10 Strategies outlined in the plan to address

Accomplishments:

- Housing Administrator position filled
- DBH State General Funds increasing to $800,000 for State Fiscal Year 20 to address housing
- Cross-Division work group with DHHS, OCA, DED, NIFA, PHAs, NDE-ATP, and Veteran’s Housing
- DPH is engaging with local health departments as they prepare to being their community health assessments to discuss inclusion of data related to housing needs in the next assessment
Nebraska’s Olmstead Goal 3

Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Receive Services in the Settings Most Appropriate to Meet their Needs and Preferences

3 Subcategories

1. Strategies to Divert Admissions to and facilitate transitions from Institutional Care
2. Strategies to Divert Admissions to Segregated Settings
3. Strategies to Reduce Justice Involvement and Homelessness
Goal 3 Accomplishments

- 21 Strategies to address all 3 sub-sections of the goal
- Accomplishments:
  - Lincoln Regional Center strategic planning to address discharge planning
  - Gains Learning Collaborative-Enhanced Competency strategies
  - CFS activated Health Families America and Family Centered Treatment
  - CFS sub-award to St. Monica’s for Native American women with SUD
Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Have Increased Access to Education and Choice in Competitive, Integrated Employment Opportunities

2 Subcategories

1. Strategies to Support Integrated Education
2. Strategies to Support Competitive, Integrated Employment
Goal 4 Accomplishments and Challenges

21 Strategies to address the 2 subsections of the goal

Accomplishments:

• NDE Early Childhood Liaison to address the preschool to prison pipeline
• NDE IEP increase for children 3-5 from 81.18% to 81.98%
• Increase of 21% for persons served by Vocational Rehabilitation
• Vocational Rehabilitation order of selection discontinued and waitlist reduced
Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Have Access to Affordable and Accessible Transportation Statewide
Goal 5 Accomplishments and Challenges

11 Strategies to address goal

Accomplishments:

- NDOT technology purchased “one-click” purchasing software, website for visually impaired
- NDOT and Mobility Management team prioritized coordination and service expansion in the Northeast Region of the state
- Received $27.1 million in CARES Act funding
Nebraska’s Olmstead Goal 6

Individuals with Disabilities will Receive Services and Supports that Reflect Data Driven Decision-making, Improvement in the Quality of Services, and Enhance Accountability Across Systems
Goal 6 Accomplishments and Challenges

› 15 Strategies to Address Goal

› Accomplishments:
  • Trainings to Mental Health providers focused on working with children with low cognitive disorders
  • Person Centered Planning training kicked-off
  • CFS collaboration for gap analysis, assessments, and strategies
Nebraska’s Olmstead Goal 7

Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Receive Services and Supports from a High Quality Workforce
Goal 7 Accomplishments

- 5 Strategies to address goal

Accomplishments:
- CFS increased the numbers of BSW and MSW graduates. 16 CFS team members completing BSW
- Vocational Rehabilitation implementing Career Pathways Advancement Project with the healthcare sector identified
Nebraska Olmstead Plan

Next Steps and Timelines

- TAC report due to DHHS 12/15/2020
- TAC report due to the Legislature 12/15/2021
- Creation of a DHHS Olmstead email address
- Project Manager organizing workgroups to begin meeting in 2021
- Proposal to hold Steering Group meetings quarterly in 2021
- Schedule regular Advisory Committee meetings in 2021
Public Comment

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