

Meeting Agenda – Olmstead Advisory Group

Logistics:

Topic:	Olmstead Advisory Group meeting
Facilitator:	TAC/DHHS-DD (Heather Leschinsky)
Date/Time:	12/14/20
Location and/or Bridge Info:	Zoom
Meeting Objective:	Advisory Group

Attendees:

*	Person	*	Person
x	Kathy Scheele	x	Kristin Larsen
x	Tobias Orrs	x	Michelle Rayburn
x	Dianne Delair	x	Amy Boon
x	Mary Angus	x	Edison McDonald
x	Kathy Hoel	x	John Wyvil
x	Karri Ruse	x	Linda Witmus
x	Randal Johns	x	Kari Bennet
x	Pat OCallahan	x	Gloria Eddins
x	Hanna Wieger	x	Mark Smith
x	Jessica Barrett	x	Peggy Reischer
x	Joni Dulaney	x	Dianne Geringer
x	Tomas Arnsberger	x	Jenniger Acerna
x	Sherri Jones	x	Lynn
X	Heather Leschinsky	X	Director Green
X	Matt Walters		

Topics:

Topic	Lead	Allotted Time
Welcome and roll call	Tony, TAC	5 minutes
 Power Point presentation from Heather	Heather L.	50 minutes
 12-14-20 Olmstead Work Plan and Tract TAC template	Heather L, Sherry Lerch, Jenn Ingle	Included with power point time frame
Public comment	Heather L.	5 minutes

Q and A:

Q. Kathy – Will consumers be included in workgroups?

A. Matt (DHHS PM) – Yes. Workgroups will include all stakeholders including participants (consumers)

Q. Kathy – Housing – will needs be other than behavioral health?

A. Linda W (DBH)– I will defer to the workgroup for setting the needs agenda.

Q. Denise – What was the \$800,000 utilized for?

A. Linda W (DBH) This was a one time federal award to develop housing in Omaha and Freemont.

Q. Lynne – How was the \$27 million spent?

A. Kari Ruse (DOT) – Have not spent it all. A portion has been spent on paycheck protection to maintain bus drivers and vehicle replacement.

Q. Mary – Who is ‘leadership’ that is determining how often committees meet?

A. Heather – Director Green and CEO Smith are considered leadership.

Q. Peggy – How is IServe portal different from ADRC?

A. Heather – It is too early to tell. Project is in starting phases.

Q. Lindy - *Lindy wanted to point out that VR still has an order for selection. Priority group 1 is for persons with significant disabilities. VR is working to eliminate waitlist for priority group 1-3.

Q. Laura Ishmael – A parent of young child that has been grandfathered in from AD-DD transition. What are the ste[s for reducing waitlist?

A. Director Green – Continue to address waitlist based on priority groups, and highlighted progress from goal #1.

Q. Mary – Will IServe be different from access Nebraska?

A. Heather L – Explained goals of IServe – consumer centric, increased functionality and access.

Public comment:

#1 Eddison McDonnald (ARC)

- 1% funding increase is too low to increase service funding.
- Need to expand waiver options
- Need to expand mental health services
- Need to increase tracking of metrics - # of persons in LTCF, Beatrice, ect.
- Disapointment in housing progress
- Need greater inclusion in committees.

#2 Laura Ishmael (parent)

“I asked the question in today's Zoom meeting about what steps are being taken to achieve goal #1, "Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Have Access to Individualized Community-based Services and Supports that Meet their Needs and Preferences", specifically as it relates to the 1000s of Nebraskans on the 8+ year waiting list for developmental disability waiver services

I was very disappointed to hear Tony Green provide little to no insight on how the department plans to achieve this. I understand funding is a concern, but would hope that more plans were in place to actually address the issue of funding and provide services for those who desperately need it.”

Action Items:

Description				
TAC report to DHHS	TAC	7/01/20	12/15/20	In process
TAC report to Lesgislature	TAC	7/01/20	12/15/21	
Creation of DHHS email for Olmstead	DHHS	12/14/20	1/1/20	Pending
Creation of work groups	PM	11/01/20	1/1/21	In process
Steering group committee meetings	DHHS Leadership	7/01/20		Ongoing
Advisory group committee meetings	DHHS Leadership	7/01/20		Ongoing