

Agenda

Meeting	Nebraska Olmstead Advisory Group
Facilitator	Miranda Newton, DHHS Program Coordinator
Date/Time	April 27, 2023, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm CT
Location/Link	Meeting Location: ZOOM https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84951677802?pwd=dXlwlL29lVVoY0EptYmh5N1BnM2k2Zz09
Meeting Objective	Communicate project status, address risks and issues, and obtain decisions

Attendees:

X	Person	X	Person
	Ackerman, Payne		Jurjevich, Patti
	Andersen, Deb		Kadavy, Cindy
x	Angus, Mary		Kramer, Jamie
x	Baker, Rose	x	Larsen, Kristen
	Bartley, Dustin	x	Large, Colin
	Bennett, Keri	x	McDonald, Edison
x	Brakenhoff, Donna		Moes, Brenda,
	Brammeier, Cynthia		Newton, Miranda
	Bulger, Mark		Orr, Tobias
	Carr, Mike		Reay, Bill
x	Chittenden, Michael	x	Reed, Kierstine
x	Clark, Penny		Rhoades, Crystal
	Crosby, Christi		Ruse, Kari
	Davis, Melanie	x	Scheele, Kathy
x	DeLair, Dianne	x	Schroder, Justin
	Dye, Jana		Scott, Julie
x	Dew, Don	x	Servan, Carlos
x	Eddins, Gloria	x	Smith, Kristen
	Erickson, Ann	x	Smith, Mark
x	Foley, Lindy		Strombert, Ben
x	Frase, Carla		Stafford, Jeff
x	Green, Tony	x	Thomas, Joni
	Gulya, Daniel		Turner, John
	Hakencamp, Martha		Tuxhorn, Lindsey
	Hatch, Allison		Wardyn, Brad
	Henke, Dea		Weiger, Hannah
	Hirshman, Michaela	x	Wittmuss, Linda
x	Hoell, Kathy	x	Clark, Jenn
	Hughes, Sarah	x	Dondlinger, Joe
	Huss, Peg	x	Hartung, Leslie
	Jones, Sherri	x	Floerke, John

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#	Topic	Lead
1	<p>Roll Call via Chat Box (5 min) Roll call taken via chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Consent Agenda for April. • February minutes approved with spelling corrections. 	Mark/Kathy
2	<p>First Call Public comment (5 min) Justin Solomon-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access, employment opportunities, and more housing, and raise the bar of what is expected of providers across the state. • These goals are not accessible, because providers need assistance to provide them. • DD Division said money going unspent, and these funds need to be deployed immediately to provide and expand access to services to recruit, retain and develop the workforce we need to achieve the goals outlined in the Olmstead Plan. • Providers can't be competitive, in less urban areas, we cannot hire or retain staff paying them \$15 as starting wage. • DD Expenditures have decreased, the administration has gone over 80% above. <p>Discussion Followed-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Dew- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is also non-DD providers that have issues as well, Are we going to discuss this? What is left for others? • Edison McDonald <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a growing disparity across all provider rates and we need to make sure we are talking about these. Department talked about doing a rate rebase. This topic needs to be discussed further so would like to add this topic to the agenda. 	Mark/Kathy
3	<p>Plan Publication update (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Olmstead Plan working on for the last few years. The plan is with Tony currently, there are questions to be addressed. Once those have been addressed Tony will take it to CEO Smith to get it over to the Governor. Tony and CEO Smith will have a discussion within the next two weeks and will get on the Governor's Calendar. 	Miranda

4	<p>Advisory Committee Proposed Charter and Guidelines (65 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced the proposed draft changes for the Advisory Committee Charter/Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give the committee more structure and ensure we are complying with the open meetings act. • Provide guidance on the statute as it relates to membership and who is required to be a member of the Advisory Committee • Discussion of term for members on the Advisory Committee- can't really put limits on the members however can check in every couple of years to make sure they want to continue serving on the committee. • In regards to terms, the AAAs rotate out on an annual basis, Casey Muzic will no longer represent the AAA it will be Carla Frase with Blue Rivers AAA. • Looking to move the advisory meetings to quarterly in an attempt to develop a funnel of information from the work groups to the Steering Committee. (Can meet more frequently if there is a need) • Work groups will be doing the brunt of the work- best if work groups determine their frequency. • There is a need for an additional work group for Community Supports 	Colin/ Miranda
5	<p>Discussion on Provider Rates (added agenda item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will take more than a 1% funding increase to remove 1500 individuals from the registry and account for \$ 15-an-hour minimum wage. We need to have a continuous increase in the level of inflation. We should put language after those specific goals that indicate continued increase based on inflation and we should also agree we don't want Direct Service Provider (DSP) jobs to be minimum wage jobs. • Should keep provider rates at 150% of minimum wage • This meeting is not to recreate the plan. The plan is in the works to go to the CEO and then to the Governor however it sounds as though some members want to pull it back and not submit to the Governor. • Members do not want to hold things up however want to point out that 1% is not fully adequate to keep up with inflation and it fails to keep up with the growing need, as we have more people diagnosed with disabilities. At the Core of Olmstead, it is making sure we can bring people out of institutions and into community based placements. The 1% increase is something that really leaves us in a spot where I think that it leaves us officially legally liable as a state for failing to meet the standards of the Olmstead Case. • These are sub-goals not matching up with the plan, there is a lot of great stuff in the plan but we are really missing out on some of the key pieces of what Olmstead is supposed to be doing. We need to see more movement off the waitlist. The critique from TAC on Behavioral Health is not up to what it needs to be as well. • Mary Angus- Motion to reconsider the plan before it is moved forward- Edison second. 	

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6	<p>Additional comments or other items of concern (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory Chat Question from Kierstin Reed- Could we look at forming a sub-committee to address provider rates for all Medicaid services impacted for those served through this committee? Mark replied-that is certainly something you could propose Kiersten. We have discussed utilizing subcommittees as a means to extend our capacity as an advisory. I'm not certain about what support would be available from the DHHS staff, but certainly open to the conversation. 	Mark/Kathy
	<p>Last Call for Public Comment (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further public comment. 	Mark/Kathy
7	Next Meeting for May 25, 2023, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm CT (5 minutes)	Miranda

Action Items:

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