

DHHS HOME & COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES STAKEHOLDER MEETING AGENDA

February 5, 2024
4:00 PM Central Time

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81170221250?pwd=ZXFrUHc0VFhCUDBrWHpnVmdnakcrUT09>

1) Division of Behavioral Health

- a) Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report
- b) 2023 Consumer Survey
- c) Program Specialist Certification
- d) Mental Health Commitment Manual

2) Division of Child and Family Services

- a) Kathleen Stolz has been named as Deputy Director of Field Operations
 - (1) Responsible for all the Service Area Administrators and field operations
- b) Confirmation hearings for Director Bish scheduled for next week.

3) Office of Economic Assistance

- a) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF):
 - (1) On December 18, 2023, the Restoration Enhancement Program and Technology Access Program grants funded by American Rescue Plan dollars were successfully launched. Over 700 applications were submitted in the first 10 days of the application period.
 - (2) Monthly child care grant applications, including Start-Up Expansion, Emergency, and Quality Improvement, doubled in December.
- b) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):
 - (1) The final issuance of P-EBT occurred on December 14, 2023. There are currently no additional issuances scheduled.
- c) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):
 - (1) The heating season started October 1, 2023, and ends March 31, 2024.
- d) Low Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP):
 - (1) LIHWAP aid funds have all been expended, and applications are no longer being accepted.

4) Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

- a) Heritage Health Update
- b) Legislative Session Update

5) Liberty – Quality Update

- a) Update on HLRAC
- b) Human and Legal Rights Advisory Committee Update
 - (1) The pilot phase for testing the Therap case note questionnaire template for agency HLRC information and documents went from 12/26/2023 to 01/26/2024.
 - (2) A virtual training being offered to all agency providers with an option of 2 dates to choose from. Both training will have the same content, only one training needs to be attended. There will also be a recorded option to watch later.
 - (a) 2/13/2024 at 10:00 AM
 - (b) 2/15/2024 at 2:00 PM
 - (3) Guidance on the process and requirements will be sent to all providers soon.
 - (4) Expected launch for all providers mid-February – beginning of March.

6) Division of Developmental Disabilities

- a) One-Time Mini Grant Opportunities
 - (1) Emergency Safety Intervention Train the Trainer
 - (2) Person-Centered Practices Training – Charting the LifeCourse
 - (3) Vehicle Purchase or Vehicle Modifications
- b) Family Support Waiver Update and Provider Training Opportunities
- c) Legislative Overview

7) Next Meeting: March 4, 2024

Resources:

Division of Developmental Disabilities Website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Developmental-Disabilities.aspx>

Family Support Waiver: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Initiatives-for-LB376.aspx>

Final Settings Rule: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/HCBS-Statewide-Transition-Plan.aspx>

Medicaid and Long-Term Care: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/MCAC.aspx>