

## Minutes

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Nebraska Olmstead Advisory Group</b>
<b>Facilitator</b>	Miranda Newton, DHHS Program Coordinator
<b>Date/Time</b>	January 26, 2023, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm CT
<b>Location/Link</b>	Meeting Location: ZOOM
<b>Meeting Objective</b>	Communicate project status, address risks and issues, and obtain decisions

## Attendees:

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

#	Topic	Lead
1	<p>Roll Call via Chat Box (5 min)</p> <p>Approve Consent Agenda (minutes and agenda)</p> <p>Review discussion ground rules, rationale</p>	Miranda
2	<p>First Call Public comment (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to create a communications committee both internal and external                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They could insure that we have a captioner and whatever else is needed</li> <li>• Make sure the platform is always accessible</li> <li>• Work towards making sure the legislature is aware of what we are doing</li> <li>• Eventually maybe having our objectives in virtual testimony</li> <li>• Could serve a dual function                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could ensure the discussions are organized and accessible</li> <li>• Start looking at potential objectives for ensuring that different communication formats are accessible to people</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3	<p>Discussion of Olmstead Plan Draft (85 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for introduction and conclusion feedback to be submitted via email by 1/30/2023</li> <li>• Written feedback received was presented and incorporated into the draft plan.</li> <li>• Goal 1: Individualized community-based services and support that meet individuals' needs                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May need more specificity than just setting baseline data</li> <li>• The 988 plan you set and get the initial call-in volume, for the statistical piece, there is a variety of things.</li> <li>• Follow up with Linda W on data that provides information on 988 and Mobile crisis response.</li> <li>• Follow up with Cynthia in regards to 211 and what data is being provided. The referrals that are being made to the agencies that are participating in ADRC.</li> <li>• Would like a public portal that shows issues like the waiting list, how many are getting services, how many are getting residential services, etc.</li> <li>• Would like to see provider rates at 150% of minimum wage- need to keep the provider rates significantly above so we can cover the growing need of new people who are being serviced.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Goal 2: Housing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to see an assessment or survey about the need for this type of housing. What is needed statewide</li> <li>• DBH does supportive housing for individuals, not for housing units.</li> <li>• How many people need housing but may not be receiving it?</li> <li>• Still working on getting some data for some of the housing goals</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Goal 3: Nebraskans with disabilities will receive services in the settings most appropriate to meet their needs and preferences                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comments received</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 4: Nebraskans with disabilities will have increased access to education and choice in competitive integrated employment opportunities             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to see the state move to an employment-first state</li> <li>• Would like to revisit this section after the report from Dr. Mills’ study has been published</li> <li>• Would like to see an increase in Self-employment opportunities and employment first proclamation.</li> <li>• VR has someone on staff to focus on self-employment</li> <li>• Strong leadership from the governor on special education funding-shifting 80% of state funding to special education teachers</li> <li>• Disabled Students at UNO are not getting the accommodations they need or should be getting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Goal 5 Transportation: Nebraskans with disabilities will have access to affordable and accessible transportation statewide             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In some of the measurements we attempted to try and capture pre-pandemic levels where we believed the pandemic would have hurt usage or rates. So in some areas looking back at pre-pandemic is a better indicator of where we should be.</li> <li>• Also when we are looking back at presentations or outreach groups -we took two years off of doing anything in-person with a lot of groups, so do we go back to 2019 and build off that rather than building off two years in which we were limited operations due to pandemic.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Goal 6 Individuals with disabilities will receive services and supports that reflect data-driven decision-making:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Comments</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Goal 7 Nebraskans with disabilities receive services and support from a high-quality workforce.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saying an additional 100 community-based provider staff will receive training may not keep up with the demand.</li> <li>• May need to revisit the benchmarks to be more reflective of the demand. May need to go higher</li> <li>• Have to look at benchmarks based on actual impact on provider staffing.</li> <li>• BH is not the only division that would be sponsoring training to increase workforce competencies. The MCOs and Medicaid do this as well.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Comments/Suggestions             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to be able to edit documents when new information is available throughout the year.</li> <li>• What/how are we going to monitor progress on the report</li> <li>• Would like to see the Governor come out and publically support the Olmstead plan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4	Last Call for Public Comment (5 min)	Miranda
5	Next Meeting for February 21, 2023, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm CT (5 minutes)	

**Action Items:**

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