

## Minutes

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Nebraska Olmstead Advisory Group</b>
<b>Facilitator</b>	Miranda Newton, DHHS Program Coordinator
<b>Date/Time</b>	8/25/2022 11:00am to 12:30 CT
<b>Location/Link</b>	Meeting Location: ZOOM <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99866675323?pwd=Mms5dStaQ05jSWVXR0tGblJxY1poUT09">https://zoom.us/j/99866675323?pwd=Mms5dStaQ05jSWVXR0tGblJxY1poUT09</a>
<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	Brakenhoff, Donna	x	Large, Colin
	Baker, Rose		McDonald, Edison
	Bartley, Dustin		Moes, Brenda,
	Bennett, Keri		Muzic, Casey
x	Brakenhoff, Donna	x	Newton, Miranda
x	Brammeier, Cynthia	x	Orr, Tobias
	Bulger, Mark		Reay, Bill
	Church, Alex		Reed, Kierstine
x	Clark, Penny		Rhoades, Crystal
	Crosby, Christi		Robinson, Roger
x	DeLair, Dianne	x	Ruse, Kari
	Dye, Jana	x	Scheele, Kathy
x	Dew, Don		Scott, Julie
x	Eddins, Gloria	x	Servan, Carlos
	Erickson, Ann	x	Smith, Julie
	Erickson, Kathy	x	Smith, Mark
x	Foley, Lindy		Stoves, Joyful
	Green, Tony		Strombert, Ben
	Gulya, Daniel	x	Stafford, Jeff
	Hakencamp, Martha	x	Thomas, Joni
	Hatch, Allison		Turner, John
	Henke, Dea		Tuxhorn, Lindsey
x	Hirshman, Michaela		Valenti, Joe
	Hoell, Kathy		Wardyn, Brad
	Huss, Peg		Wittmuss, Linda
x	Jones, Sherri	x	Wyvill, John
	Jurjevich, Patti	x	Davis, Melanie

\*Enter an X for persons who were in attendance.

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#	Topic	Lead
1	Roll Call via Chat Box (5 min) Approve Consent Agenda (minutes and agenda)	Kathy H. Mark S.
2	First Call Public comment	Group
3	Synopsis of Olmstead Risk Assessment and planning checklist <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We need data on who the people are, where they are and who is at risk of unnecessary institutionalization</li><li>Title 2 and the Olmsted decision applies to all adults and children with disabilities who are in, or are a serious risk of entering, any type of segregated setting. This includes segregated residential day and educational settings.</li><li>This document, particularly, was created for behavioral health and developmental disabilities and intellectual disabilities for those programs.</li><li>Work groups should review the checklist</li></ul>	Dianne

<p>4</p>	<p><b>Technical Assistance Provider status? DED Status? Miranda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates for TA assistance- Looking at possibly including in Optimus contract</li> <li>John Turn with NIFA was taking strategies to DED and his people to try and work through and get stuff back to us.</li> </ul> <p><b>1115 Waiver discussion-MLTC has been invited</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1115 Waiver is a special Waiver within Medicaid for CMS to waive specific Medicaid rules and allows states to operate a demonstration or pilot program.</li> <li>We currently operate an 1115 waiver for substance use, disorder treatment, and the waiver allows us to reimburse for services in residential treatment facilities that we would not otherwise be allowed to cover under Federal Medicaid rules.</li> <li>State had to evaluate and enhance our community-based Substance use treatment continuum. There's a set of requirements and implementation milestones that the Nebraska Medicaid program must address over the course of a demonstration.</li> <li>A demonstration is typically 5 years. Waiver renews every 5 years. There's a host of evaluations that have to be done around the impact of the waiver.</li> <li>Specific to the SUD treatment Authority CMS has placed a significant emphasis on enhancing and maintaining community-based services specific to this waiver. One of those community-based activities that the Medicaid program undertook was that we expanded coverage of treatment for what is called opioid treatment programs and many of you may be familiar with that term and what it specifically relates to historically this may be also referred to as methadone clinics or method on clinic coverage But that's an additional community based service that's now available to Medicaid covered individuals that was not available before we undertook the SUD.</li> <li>Enhanced community-based service and strengthening community-based services has allowed us to cover over 1,000 stays in residential treatment facilities that we would have not otherwise been able to cover absent the waiver.</li> <li>The State has been evaluating a similar type of waiver opportunity to treat serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance.</li> <li>Request has been submitted to CMS to use ARPA funds however that is on hold with CMS.</li> <li>The waiver would allow us similar flexibility to cover mental health related treatment in residential settings that we currently don't have in Medicaid</li> <li>Pretty significant Federal guidance on the parameters for the SMI Waiver opportunity, and they go into great detail on what are some of the community-based program requirements</li> <li>Any further questions can be sent to Todd Baustert <a href="mailto:todd.baustert@nebraska.gov">todd.baustert@nebraska.gov</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Other department interpreter procedures? Miranda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of Nebraska has one standard procedure for interpreters</li> </ul> <p><b>Update on letter to and meeting with CEO Smith Mark and Kathy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The need for including other Cabinet Members; for example, including the term "accessible" in all housing initiatives</li> <li>Have we included the term "community" in every goal?</li> <li>Member participation in next meeting</li> <li>The meeting with CEO Smith went well, have another meeting set up for September. She said she'd have some answers to some questions we'd asked. Looking forward to the next meeting with her.</li> </ul>	
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5	Workgroup Updates with strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Education-Sherri Jones- Julie Smith</li> <li>○ Housing -Tobias Orr</li> <li>○ Employment -</li> <li>○ Transportation-</li> <li>○ Data-</li> </ul>	
6	Last Call for Public Comment (5 minutes)	Kathy H/ Mark S.
7	Next Meeting –September 22, 2022, 11:00am to 12:30pm CT	

### Action Items:

#	What	Who	Update/Deadline
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