



Nebraska *Olmstead* Advisory Committee Charter and Guidelines

Background and Current Purpose

The *Olmstead* Advisory Committee was formed and began meeting in August 2018 in order to assist in the drafting of Nebraska's first *Olmstead* plan, in collaboration with the *Olmstead* Steering Group. The initial plan was completed and submitted to the legislature in December 2019. An updated and revised plan was completed and submitted to the legislature in XXXXX 2023.

The current purpose and design of the the Advisory Committee is to serve as the stakeholder voice and group that advises on and reviews the status of plan outcomes, strategies, and goals of the *Olmstead* Plan. The Advisory Committee collaboratively assists in the review and development of the *Olmstead* Plan, provides on-going advice on implementation, refinement, and future updates and revisions to the plan. The Advisory Committee also provides advice on the many topics addressed by the *Olmstead* plan and topics important to Nebraskans with disabilities.

The Advisory group includes individuals with disabilities, providers and other state agencies not represented on the *Olmstead* Steering Group.

Membership

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-6,122, the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Service shall appoint and convene a stakeholder advisory committee to assist in the review of the *Olmstead* Plan. The Advisory Committee, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-6,122, [includes representatives from:](#)

1. The State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services;
 - a. **To be identified**
 - b. <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Advisory-Committees-on-Mental-Health-and-Substance-Abuse.aspx>
2. The Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities;
 - a. **Governors DD Advisory Committee- Coordinating with Lori Regier (chair) to identify**
3. The Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council;
 - a. Represented by Don Dew
4. The Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities;
 - a. Represented by Kristen Larsen
5. The Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education;
 - a. Represented by Linda Foley
6. The Public Service Commission;
 - a. **To be identified**
7. The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing;
 - a. Represented by Kim Davis

8. The Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired;
 - a. Represented by Carlos Servan
9. A Housing Authority in a City of the First or Second Class;
 - a. *To be identified*
 - b. *2nd Class is 800-5000; 1st Class is 5000-100,000*
10. A Housing Authority in a City of the Primary or Metropolitan Class;
 - a. *To be identified*
11. The Assistive Technology Partnership;
 - a. Represented by Tobias Orr
12. The Protection and Advocacy System for Nebraska (Disability Rights Nebraska);
 - a. Represented by Diane DeLair
13. An Assisted Living Organization;
 - a. Represented by Cindy Kadavy
14. The Behavioral Health Regions;
 - a. *To be identified*
15. Mental Health Practitioners;
 - a. *To be identified*
16. Developmental Disability Service Providers;
 - a. *To be identified*
17. An Organization that advocates for Persons with Developmental Disabilities;
 - a. Mark Smith, Munroe-Meyer Institute
18. An Organization that advocates for Persons with Mental Illness;
 - a. *To be identified*
19. An Organization that advocates for persons with Brain Injuries;
 - a. Represented by Keri Bennett
20. An Area Agency on Aging;
 - a. Represented by Casey Muzic; Midland AAA
21. Two Persons with Disabilities representing Self-Advocacy Organizations; and
 - a. Represented by Kathy Hoell
 - b. Represented by Mary Angus
22. At the Department's discretion, other persons with expertise in programs serving persons with disabilities.

Chairs

The Advisory Committee will consist of two volunteer Advisory Committee Members. Chairs shall be elected by the Advisory Committee for two-year terms without term limits.

Current co-chairs are: Mark Smith, Munroe-Meyer Institute
Kathy Hoell, self-advocate.

Open Meetings

When appropriate, Advisory Committee meetings will be open to the public and conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1407 et seq.

Member Duties

1. Attend Advisory Group meetings, if unable to attend, it is requested than an informed, alternate representative attend;
2. Participate in workgroups, as appropriate;
3. Prepare for participation in discussion and providing input by reviewing meeting materials;
4. Vote in Advisory Committee meetings; and
5. Inform the member’s agency or stakeholder group about Advisory Committee activities and actions.

DHHS Responsibilities

1. Provide materials to the Advisory Committee members in a timely manner prior to Advisory Committee meetings;
2. Provide support for regular meetings including online hosting and recording Advisory Committee meeting attendance, minutes, and votes;
3. Provide support to workgroup committees including online hosting;
4. Provide the Advisory Committee with relevant updates to their work; and
5. Assist with obtaining the information requested by the Committee.

Meeting Frequency

The Advisory Committee shall meet at least once quarterly, or four times per year, in advance of the Olmstead Steering Committee, in order to provide status updates on the implementation of the Olmstead Plan and advice and recommendations regarding plan implementation and revision.

Establishment of Workgroups and Task Groups

In order to monitor the implementation of the Olmstead Plan and ensure its success, the Advisory Committee shall establish workgroups and task groups as appropriate to monitor progress, provide recommendations and feedback, and address topics or actions which further the goals of *Olmstead* within the State.

Workgroups shall be organized to address each of the goals of the Olmstead Plan, including Community Supports, Data, Education, Employment, Housing, and Transportation. Each workgroup shall be led by a chair voted on by Advisory Committee. Chairs shall be elected by the Advisory Committee for one-year terms without term limits.

These groups shall meet at least quarterly, or four times per year, in order to provide status reports and recommendations for future action to the Advisory Committee. Workgroup status reports should be submitted using established status reporting templates. *See Appendix A-E*

The Advisory Committee may establish task groups to address other topics or actions which further the goals of *Olmstead* within the State by majority vote. Each task group shall be led by a chair voted on by Advisory Committee. Task groups shall report regularly to the Advisory Committee until dissolved by majority vote or one year since task group formation unless extended by majority vote.

Set Agenda

The Advisory Committee will include at minimum the following agenda items at each regularly scheduled meeting:

1. Update from each workgroup
2. Update from each task group
3. Recommendations for plan implementation actions/activities
 - a. These recommendations should be voted upon and submitted to the Steering Committee. *See Appendix F*

Process for Reviewing Olmstead Plan revisions and updates

The Advisory Committee shall recommend any revisions or updates to the Olmstead Plan once per year to the Steering Committee. Recommendations should be voted on by the Advisory Committee and must be submitted to the Steering Committee and DHHS no later than March 31st for consideration.

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Appendix A- Community Services and Supports Status Report

Workgroup Chair-

Workgroup Attendees-

Plan Status Report-

| Reference # | Green-On-Track | Yellow-Behind Schedule | Red-Critically Behind | CY Benchmark Met | Notes |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|
| | | | | | Increase utilization of crisis intervention through the implementation of the 9-8-8 plan and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. |
| 1-01 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase usage of the “No Wrong Door”/2-1-1 system. |
| 1-02 | | | | | |
| | | | | | The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) will reduce the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Registry by 1,500 individuals from January 1, 2023. |
| 1-04 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for adults with Opioid Use Disorders (OUD). |
| 1-05 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Reduce admissions to Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) for competency evaluation and restoration services. |
| 3-03 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Assist Native American women with substance use disorder (SUD) to seek treatment while parenting their children. |
| 3-05 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Reduce the time individuals with severe mental illness (SMI) spend waiting in jail for competency evaluation and restoration services. |
| 3-06 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase evidence-based programs through the Family First Prevention Services Act within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). |
| 6-08 | | | | | |

Community Services and Supports Workgroup Action Items-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Recommendations for Advisory Committee Actions-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Recommendations for Olmstead Plan Revisions (Collected and Reviewed Annually)-

1. Update Goal 6 Outcome 3 to be “.....
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Appendix B- Data Workgroup Status Report

Workgroup Chair- Darleen Data

Workgroup Attendees-

Plan Status Report-

| Reference # | Green-On-Track | Yellow-Behind Schedule | Red-Critically Behind | CY Benchmark Met | Notes |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| | | | | | Improve interagency data sharing and demonstrate data outcomes. |
| 6-01 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase evidence-based programs through the Family First Prevention Services Act within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). |
| 6-02 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) divisions will generate comprehensive and longitudinal data to identify and track individuals with disabilities across the age span receiving services, the services provided, and the settings in which services are provided, and will use these data to report changes in service delivery via the Olmstead Plan evaluation process. |
| 6-03 | | | | | |
| | | | | | The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) will evaluate the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver system and registry to identify best practices in waiver management and service provision. |
| 6-04 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase tracking of incidents and quality improvement actions with Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) programs. |
| 6-05 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increased publicly available tracking and reporting of DD system quality and performance metrics through the DHHS website. |
| 6-06 | | | | | |

Data Workgroup Action Items-

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- 2.
- 3.

Recommendations for Advisory Committee Actions-

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- 3.
- 4.

Recommendations for Olmstead Plan Revisions (Collected and Reviewed Annually)-

1. Update Goal 6 Outcome 3 to be

- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Appendix C- Education Workgroup Status Report

Workgroup Chair-

Workgroup Attendees-

Plan Status Report-

| Reference # | Green-On-Track | Yellow-Behind Schedule | Red-Critically Behind | CY Benchmark Met | Notes |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|
| | | | | | The Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) will increase educational outreach on the services available to support integrated community living. |
| 1-03 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Support both provider and services recipient education regarding community-based services for Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) facilities. |
| 3-02 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase support and help individuals and families through the Nebraska Families Helpline. |
| 3-04 | | | | | |
| | | | | | The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) will support the development of improved processes to offer education, advocacy, and support to all parents of children eligible for special education services. |
| 4-01 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase the percentage of children ages 3-5 and 5-21 with Individual Education Plans (IEP)s who receive their special education and related services inside the regular class 80% of the day. |
| 4-02 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase the number of clients served by Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visual Impaired (NCBVI). |
| 4-03 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase the number of credentials received by clients who are assisted by Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visual Impaired (NCBVI). |
| 4-04 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase the 4-year and 5-year graduation/completion rate for students identified as Special Education statewide. |
| 4-05 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase competency in person-centered planning among participants, families, providers, and service coordinators across all Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers. |
| 7-03 | | | | | |

Education Workgroup Action Items-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Recommendations for Advisory Committee Actions-

- 1.
- 2.

- 3.
- 4.

Recommendations for Olmstead Plan Revisions (Collected and Reviewed Annually)-

1. Update Goal 6 Outcome 3 to be “.....
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Appendix D- Employment Workgroup Status Report

Workgroup Chair-

Workgroup Attendees-

Plan Status Report-

| Reference # | Green-On-Track | Yellow-Behind Schedule | Red-Critically Behind | CY Benchmark Met | Notes |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|
| | | | | | Increase the number of individuals supported by the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI) or Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services who exit with and maintain competitive employment. |
| 4-06 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase the number of students who participate in Project SEARCH and are employed. |
| 4-07 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase provider rates to incorporate \$15 per hour minimum wage for all direct service providers and other employees across all Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers by January 2026. |
| 6-11 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase in number of certified peer support specialists statewide to support individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders in their recovery. |
| 7-01 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase workforce competencies to serve individuals with complex and co-occurring behavioral health needs. |
| 7-02 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Establish rate structure for Aged and Disabled Waiver providers based on provider costs and an evaluation of peer state rate structures. |
| 7-04 | | | | | |
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Employment Workgroup Action Items-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Recommendations for Advisory Committee Actions-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Recommendations for Olmstead Plan Revisions (Collected and Reviewed Annually)-

1. Update Goal 6 Outcome 3 to be “.....
- 2.

- 3.
- 4.

Appendix E- Housing Workgroup Status Report

Workgroup Chair-

Workgroup Attendees-

Plan Status Report-

| Reference # | Green-On-Track | Yellow-Behind Schedule | Red-Critically Behind | CY Benchmark Met | Notes |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|
| | | | | | Decrease in the average amount of days between when an Aged and Disabled Waiver referral is entered into the database and when the service request is assessed by Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) Program. |
| 1-07 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase community-integrated housing opportunities for persons with serious mental illness (SMI) by 4% from FY23. |
| 2-01 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase funding for the revitalization and development of housing units for persons with disabilities and the creation of new supported housing units by 5% over FY22. |
| 2-02 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase training and education on home accessibility modification programs within Nebraska for both Medicaid and non-Medicaid eligible populations. |
| 2-03 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase the number of home modification assessments completed by Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) by one percent over the baseline for the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers. |
| 2-04 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase the number of people with disabilities receiving state-funded rental assistance by 150. |
| 2-05 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase the funding for the number of accessible units for people with disabilities. |
| 2-06 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase the funding for the number of accessible units for people with disabilities. |
| 2-07 | | | | | |

Housing Workgroup Action Items-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Recommendations for Advisory Committee Actions-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Recommendations for Olmstead Plan Revisions (Collected and Reviewed Annually)-

1. Update Goal 6 Outcome 3 to be “.....
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Appendix F- Transportation Workgroup Status Report

Workgroup Chair-

Workgroup Attendees-

Plan Status Report-

| Reference # | Green-On-Track | Yellow-Behind Schedule | Red-Critically Behind | CY Benchmark Met | Notes |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| | | | | | Provide the state with trip planning software and make software available to Nebraskans on their website. |
| 5-01 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Improve universally accessible, efficient, affordable, and equitable transportation services across Nebraska. |
| 5-02 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase accessible public transportation ridership in rural areas. |
| 5-03 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase inter-city passenger boardings between Kearney, Grand Island, and Hastings. |
| 5-04 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Expand transportation access to communities that have no public transportation for individuals with disabilities. |
| 5-05 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Increase the number of individuals with disabilities receiving Nebraska Department of Education- Assistive Technology Partnership (NDE-ATP) supported vehicle modifications. |
| 5-06 | | | | | |

Transportation Workgroup Action Items-

- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Recommendations for Advisory Committee Actions-

- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Recommendations for Olmstead Plan Revisions (Collected and Reviewed Annually)-

5. Update Goal 6 Outcome 3 to be “.....
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Appendix G- Advisory Committee Status Report and Recommendations

Plan Status Report-

| Workgroup | Number of Outcomes Tracked | Green/On-Track | Yellow | Red/Critically Behind | Completed or Benchmark Met |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Data | | | | | |
| Education | | | | | |
| Employment | | | | | |
| Housing | | | | | |
| Transportation | | | | | |

Advisory Committee Action Items-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Recommendations for Steering Committee Actions-

1. Data Crosswalk needs prioritization in DOT and DHHS
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Recommendations for Olmstead Plan Revisions (Collected and Reviewed Annually)-

1. Update Goal 6 Outcome 10 to be “.....
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

