



Nebraska *Olmstead* Steering Group Charter

A. Background and Current Purpose

The Olmstead Steering Group was formed and began meeting in August 2018 in order to draft Nebraska's first Olmstead plan, in collaboration with the Olmstead Advisory Group. The initial plan was completed and submitted to the legislature in December 2019.

The current purpose and design of the the Steering Group is to develop and oversee the implementation of the *Olmstead* plan and decision making related to revisions of future plans. The specific functions of this Steering Group are described below.

B. Membership:

The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Service shall convene the Steering group members. The Steering Group initially constituted representatives from the agencies outlined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-6,122:

1. The Department of Correctional Services;
2. The Department of Economic Development;
3. The Department of Labor;
4. The Department of Transportation;
5. The Department of Veterans' Affairs;
6. The Department of Education;
7. The University of Nebraska; and
8. The Equal Opportunity Commission

Additionally, the following members have been invited to and are members of the Steering Group:

1. Representatives from each Division of DHHS;
2. The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority;
3. The Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired;
4. The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and
5. Six representatives from the Olmstead Advisory Committee.

C. Member Designee:

Each member may designate a representative from their agency to serve in his or her capacity on the Steering Group. The member's designee shall exercise the rights and

responsibilities of the member when the member is not present. DHHS shall maintain a list of all members and their designees.

D. Member Expectations:

1. Attend Steering Group meetings;
2. Serve on workgroups as requested;
3. Prepare for participation in discussion and decision-making by consulting agency or department staff, and by reviewing meeting materials;
4. Act as the liaison between the Steering Group and the member's agency or department;
5. Inform the member's agency or department about Steering Group activities and actions;
6. Ensure the member's agency or department takes appropriate steps to further progress on the *Olmstead* Plan goals, outcomes, data collection, and action steps/strategies; and
7. Perform such duties as required to fulfill the obligations of the Steering Group.

E. Duties of the Steering Group:

1. Develop a comprehensive strategic plan for providing services to qualified persons with disabilities in the most integrated community-based settings pursuant to the *Olmstead* decision;
2. Provide oversight for and monitor implementation and revisions of the *Olmstead* Plan, and the impact of the Plan on the lives of people with disabilities;
3. Make decisions on recommendations put forth by the workgroups with feedback from the Advisory Committee for further revisions to the Plan;
4. Ensure interagency coordination of the *Olmstead* Plan implementation and revision process; and
5. Maintain procedures to ensure they define a clear decision-making process, facilitate execution of Steering Group duties, and revise such procedures as necessary.