

Draft Olmstead Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2023

Staff and Council Members Present:

Carissa Davis, Elliott Birkhead, Jerry Boyko, Ardella Cottrill, Joyce Floyd, Nancy Fry, Lynsay Frye, Susan Given, Amber Hinkle, Annetta Johnson, Suzanne Messenger, Aaron Morris, Cara Price, Nia Jackson, Delmar Davis, David Duke, Michelle Angus (BSS), Jennifer Gower (BSS), Teresa McDonough (BMS), Lesley Cottrell, Rebecca Jennings, Ed Hopple, Shawn Allen, Becky Spaulding, Joyce Floyd, Christy Black, Jerry Boyko, Jenni Sutherland, Alexis Ullman, and Sara Martin (TMH)

Others Present

Kyle Blackburn and Lake Morehouse

Council Members Not Present

Danny Gray, Travis Kline, Kim Nuckles, Paul Smith, Chris Orndorff, Sheila Paitsel, Rich Ward, and Kimberly Taylor-Newsome

Welcome And Introduction

Lynsay, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Reading of Mission Statement & Rules and Responsibilities

Becky read the mission statement and the rules and responsibilities.

Public Forum

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were not sent to Council members prior to the meeting. Ardella made a motion to review and vote on the minutes by email. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Old Business

Annual Report

Carissa submitted the report to WV DHHR's communications unit for review. She will follow up to see when their review will be complete.

Olmstead Complaint Process

The workgroup met and reviewed information from other states. Carissa will schedule another meeting to move forward on this process.

Council/Office Logo

The workgroup met and asked Carissa to contact WV DHHR's communications unit to review a logo that was developed a few years ago and see if they could create something similar. Carissa will follow up on this request.

Olmstead Plan Update

Carissa submitted proposals from Collective Impact and Steve Wiseman for review prior to the Council meeting. Nancy made a motion to accept Steve's proposal. Ardella seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Policy Priorities

Carissa submitted the draft priorities review prior to the Council meeting. Ardella made a motion to accept the priorities as presented. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Annual Workplan

Carissa submitted the workplan for review prior to the Council meeting. Delmar made a motion to accept the workplan as presented. Becky seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Membership Update

Membership Committee Election

One Membership Committee position is open. Rich Ward indicated interest in serving another term prior to the meeting and nominations were open from the floor. No nominations were presented. Joyce made a motion to close nominations. Ardella seconded the motion and motion carried. Teresa made a motion to appoint Rich to the Committee. Becky seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Council Member

There is one open Council position for an individual with a disability/family member. Three applications were submitted to the Membership Committee, and they recommended Raymond Brooks' application to the full Council. Joyce made a motion to accept Raymond for membership. Teresa seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business

Proposed Update to HHS' Section 504 Rule Public Comments

The Council discussed comments. Carissa will set up a meeting to further discuss comments within a few days.

2024 Meeting Location

A few locations were discussed. Nancy made a motion for the WV Division of Rehabilitation Services office in Nitro to be the first choice. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Extended Telehealth Pilot

Dr. Jen Mallow presented on the Extended Telehealth Pilot. Carissa will send the handouts to Council members.

Agency Olmstead Related Updates

Elliott provided a Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) update. CCBHC Update: The State leadership team is making final edits on the provisional status application. The

team wants to help ensure that it aligns well with the State's needs and to help prepare for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration's (SAMHSA's) CCBHC demonstration program application. Each provider is not required to apply for the provisional status application, which is just to select facilities that will be a part of the demonstration application. Once agencies are selected from the provisional WV CCBHCs Planning Team Meeting status application, those facilities will be requested to develop cost reports, and then PPS rates will be created from those cost reports for those facilities.

Bureau of Public Health Assessment: The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health is hosting two virtual community listening sessions to gather insight on health issues in specific areas of the state as part of the 2023 State Health Assessment. The virtual listening sessions are scheduled for Nov. 2 and Nov. 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sara provided an update on Take Me Home. She provided numbers for the last quarter and stated that the No Wrong Door and Telehealth programs are moving forward and provided a staffing update.

Nancy asked about waiver waitlists and Teresa provided information.

Nancy mentioned the Council getting quarterly information regarding how many individuals with IDD are in Bateman and Sharpe and are awaiting community placement. Carissa will follow up on this.

Transition and Diversion Program

Carissa presented data for 2023. One hundred forty applications were approved, and 47 applications were denied. Ten applications were appealed, and two were approved. There were 22 transitions, and 18 were Take Me Home participants.

Lift Chairs – 47

Ramps – 29

Stairlifts – 9

Bathroom Modifications – 20

There were no applications from nine counties. Ardella suggested contacting the Family Resource Networks in those counties. There was a discussion on priority criteria and that the goal is to keep someone out of a nursing home.

There was a discussion on patients being discharged from hospitals to the streets/shelters without wheelchairs or other needed items. Nancy requested a Medicaid representative address the Council on what people can get and what can be done when someone is discharged from a hospital or nursing home.

Other Business

None

Announcements

Carissa announced the Executive Committee election will take place during the February meeting.

Nancy announced the WV Legal Aid webinar taking place on November 16th.

Aaron announced the January meeting for the WV Behavioral Health Planning Council.

Lynsay announced Disability Advocacy Day taking place on January 17th.

Adjournment

Lynsay adjourned the meeting at adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Save the Date: Future meeting dates: February 1st, May 2nd, August 1st, and November 7th