Olmstead Consumer Task Force

Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2024
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
In-Person and Virtual

OLMSTEAD CONSUMER TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Pakkebier (chair)	Bill Loyd
Joel Vander Molen (co-chair)	Michael Martin
Amber Alaniz-Skiles	Brittney Montross
Michelle Allmandinger	Jen Simmering
Paula Connolly	Megz Strobeck
Amy Desenberg-Wines	Kelly Stull
Greg Fier	David Thielen
Garret Frey	Joey Wesselink
Ernie Geiger	Jessica Williams
Harriet Gulbranson	

OLMSTEAD CONSUMER TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edward Esbeck (excused)	Marc Hines

STAFF SUPPORT:

Falicia Beck

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Megan Abramski	Brooke Lovelace
Teresa Bomhoff	Patti Manna
Morgan Casey	Megan Marsh
Rachel Cecil	John McCalley
Emily Eppens	Koki Nakagawa
Jayna Grauerholz	Krys Purscell
Kyra Hawley-Preston	Sharon Rettinger
Dawn Kekstadt	Miranda Tucker
Melanie Kempf	Angela Van Pelt
Eugenia Kendall	Lowell Vander Molen
June Klein-Bacon	William D Veltri
Tony Leys	Kim Walford

Materials Referenced

Olmstead Consumer Task Force July 12th, 2024, Meeting Agenda DRAFT

Olmstead Consumer Task Force May 10th, 2024, Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Iowa Solutions for Aging with Independence and Longevity PowerPoint June 2024

Iowa Health and Human Services System Alignment: Aging and Disability Resource Centers PowerPoint Summer 2024

Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Pakkebier, Olmstead Consumer Task Force chair called the meeting to order at 10:13am thanking the Task Force and the public for their attendance. Quorum was established.

Review & Vote on Approval of July 12th, 2024, Meeting Agenda

Lisa opened the floor to invite revisions to the July agenda, revision to modify lunch break stated. Bill Loyd made a motion to approve the July 12th, 2024, meeting agenda with revisions. Jen Simmering seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review & Vote on Approval of May 10th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Lisa opened the floor to approve the May meeting minutes. No revisions stated. Joel Vander Molen made a motion to approve the May 10th, 2024, meeting minutes. Paula Connolly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

State Agency Updates

Kim Walford, Department of the Blind, Director Emily Warton will be retiring July 18, the interim director will be Sara Wilford. There is no official appointment from the governor as of yet. Funding for younger than 55 is still to be determined for beyond September 30. Those 55 and older will still be assisted.

SAIL and ADRC Presentation and Focus Groups

Iowa Solutions for Aging with Independence and Longevity (SAIL) and Iowa Health and Human Services System Alignment: Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) presentations by Eugenia Kendall and Dawn Kekstadt. See PowerPoint slides attached.

Websites shared included: Iowa Solutions for Aging with Independence and Longevity (IA SAIL) | Health & Human Services and Microsoft Word - BH-ADS-Transition Plan _FINAL.6-25-24 (iowa.gov).

Taskforce Committee Reports

The Executive Committee updates were provided by Lisa Pakkebier, the chair of the committee. The Committee met on June 10 and discussed the in-person meeting for the next OCTF meeting. The Olmstead Plan was also discussed, more in the Olmstead Plan Committee report.

The Nominations Committee updates were shared by Lisa Pakkebier, a member of the committee. The Committee has not met since the last full Taskforce meeting as there are no current openings on the Taskforce, therefore no need to review applications.

The Olmstead Plan Committee updates were provided by Amy Desenberg-Wines, the chair of the committee. The Committee met on May 28 and discussed how the state uses the Olmstead Plan and ways to streamline the usage of the Olmstead Plan.

The Community Access Committee updates were provided by Jen Simmering, the chair of the committee. The Committee has been working toward accessible parking throughout Iowa (for those who use wheelchairs and especially those who drive themselves). Dave Ruffcorn

presented on accessible parking and suggested a book on Access for Everyone by Dr. Arvid Osterberg (https://www.fpm.iastate.edu/accessforeveryone/pdf/afe_2010_third_edition.pdf), Jen was in contact with this author and he provided resources and offered to join a meeting. This Committee is working to make a flyer out of the information from the professor. The Committee has also worked on improving railroad crossings by starting at a crossing in Iowa City where wheelchairs were getting stuck. Construction is now underway to make the crossing more accessible.

The Medicaid & Legislative Watch Committee updates were provided by Paula Connolly, the chair of the committee. Since this is Paula's last term, there is a call for a Taskforce member to chair the Medicaid & Legislative Watch Committee. The planning for a virtual and a separate in-person hill day for next year will begin in August. At the next committee meeting members will have a discussion about the legislative priorities and potential partnerships (e.g., Iowa DD Council) for the Taskforce. There was also a call for members to be willing to share their stories at these events.

Public Comment
Anne Crotty, Health and Human Services, shared there was a request for the chat from the meeting be saved as there were many great resources shared.

Eugenia Kendall, Health and Human Services, shared the findings from the focus groups from this meeting will be reported out with those in attendance.

Lisa Pakkebier shared Joel Vander Molen will chair the September Olmstead Consumer Taskforce meeting.

Bill Loyd shared if the Olmstead Consumer Taskforce chooses to do another hybrid option, the University of Iowa would be a great host potential.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 1:32pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Falicia Beck.