

**OCTF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 21, 2025**

**In Attendance:** Lisa Pakkebier (Chair), Joel Vander Molen (Vice Chair), Bill Loyd (Medicaid & Legislative Watch Chair), Jen Simmering (Community Access Chair), Amy Desenberg-Wines (Olmstead Plan Chair), Marc Hines (Nominations Chair), Falcia Beck (staff support)

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**Review of the Olmstead Consumer Taskforce Bylaws**

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**Current OCTF Committees and Proposed Functions**

*Proposed Committee functions are based on Section 2.1 of the Olmstead Consumer Taskforce Bylaws*

**1) Executive Committee**

- a. 2.1.C.
  - i) To organize as a proactive and effectively working Taskforce
- b. 2.1.D.
  - i) To educate Iowans about the Olmstead Decision and its implications for public policy in Iowa
- c. Tasks of the former Nominations Committee
  - i) Recruit applicants for OCTF voting member open slots and present approved choice meeting the necessary membership categories for consideration by the entire Taskforce
  - ii) Recruit Officer candidates and bring forward a slate of qualified members for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for consideration by the entire Taskforce

**2) Nominations Committee**

- a. Will no longer be a separate committee – See Executive Committee

**3) Olmstead Plan Committee**

- a. 2.1.A.
  - i) To monitor Iowa's response to the U.S. Supreme Court's Olmstead Decision and to collaborate with state agencies in the implementation of Olmstead in Iowa
- b. 2.1.H.
  - i) To assist and encourage the departments and agencies of the state of Iowa to ensure compliance with the Olmstead Decision

**4) Community Access Committee**

- a. 2.1.B.
  - i) To advocate for Iowans with disabilities and long-term care needs
- b. 2.1.G.
  - i) To support systems-change that promotes choice, fairness, equity, accessibility, and availability of individualized services for people with disabilities and long-term care needs

**5) Medicaid and Legislative Watch Committee**

- a. 2.1.E.
  - i) To inform and advise policy makers about the needs, rights, and preferences of Iowans with disabilities and long-term care needs
- b. 2.1.F.
  - i) To monitor existing laws and pending legislation and make recommendations to promote consistency with the Olmstead Decision

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**Call to Action**

- Marc Hines made a motion to write an advocacy letter on behalf of the Olmstead Consumer Taskforce regarding the Section 504 lawsuit. Bill Loyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
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### **Next Steps for the Subcommittee**

- Committee Chairs (Nominations Committee, Olmstead Plan Committee, Community Access Committee, and Medicaid and Legislative Watch Committee) will share proposed functions to their committees
    - Committees will prioritize objectives and draft specific action steps relative to the functions
  - Marc Hines will draft the advocacy letter and send to the OCTF Executive Committee by Monday, February 24, 2025
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