**Iowa Olmstead Consumer Taskforce Member Application**

**Important Things to Know**

* Members serve for three years and new member terms beginning at the November 13, 2020 meeting, unless otherwise specified. There may be some one or two year terms available to complete the term of someone who resigned their position.
* The Taskforce meets six times each year, usually on the second Friday of the month, every other month January through November. Meeting dates include:

November 13, 2020

January 8, 2021

March 12, 2021

May 14, 2021

July 9, 2021

September 10, 2021

November 12, 2021

* Meetings are currently held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When in person meetings resume, they will be held at the Pleasant Hill Public Library, which is about 15 minutes east of downtown Des Moines.
* Taskforce members are strongly encouraged to attend meetings in person, but can participate by conference call when needed.
* Taskforce members are expected to participate in at least one committee. The work of the Taskforce is continued between meetings through the work of committees.
* The Taskforce uses email frequently to share information and request feedback from members on various issues. Timely responses are requested to keep the business of the Taskforce moving forward.
* Members receive a $50 stipend for each meeting attended. The Taskforce can pay for the following items as needed by members:
  + Transportation to and from the meetings
  + Personal attendant
  + Hotel and meal for night before or after the meeting if a member must travel a long distance
  + Accommodations to assure accessibility

**Visit Our Website**

Our website, [www.olmsteadrealchoicesia.org](http://www.olmsteadrealchoicesia.org/), has information about the history of the Taskforce and the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Olmstead* Decision, and other resources about rights of people with disabilities to be included in all aspects of like in the community.

**Submitting Your Application**

This application can be completed on your computer by typing directly into the text boxes, and checking the gray check boxes with your cursor. Applications can be saved and emailed or you can apply online at <https://bit.ly/3ggezKM>. To fill this application out by hand, please print and use the backside or additional paper if you need more space. You can then scan the document and email it.

Submit applications by email to anne-crotty@uiowa.edu

# Applications are due Monday September 7, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

**Contact Information**

Please contact Anne Crotty at anne-crotty@uiowa.edu if you have any questions or would like assistance completing the application.

**Applicant Information**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| First and Last Name |  |
| Address |  |
| City, State, Zip Code |  |
| Cell Phone Number |  |
| Home Phone Number |  |
| E-Mail Address |  |

**Membership Category**

The following questions are to get more information on the type of membership you are seeking on the Olmstead Consumer Taskforce.

Please check **YES** if the statement describes you or **NO** if it does not. We have provided space for you to provide a little bit of information for each **YES** box you check.

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| I am a person with a disability or a family member of a person with a disability.  **YES NO** |
| If you selected **YES** please explain. |
| I work for, or am on the board of, a statewide organization that advocates for people with disabilities or long term care needs.  **YES NO** |
| If you selected **YES** please explain. |
| I can effectively represent the needs of children or youth with disabilities or long term care needs.  **YES NO** |
| If you selected **YES** please explain. |
| I can effectively represent the needs of older Iowans with disabilities or long term care needs.  **YES NO** |
| If you selected **YES** please explain. |

I have experience living in an institution, like a nursing home, residential care facility, mental health facility, etc.

**YES NO**

If you selected **YES** please explain.

**About You**

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| Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Olmstead Consumer Taskforce? |
| Tell us about your advocacy experience. This could be how you have advocated for yourself or a family member, people who live in your community, or other people around the state or country. Please give examples of what you have done in the past to get others to pay attention to issues that are important to you. |
| What issues are most important to you as an advocate? |
| Tell us about any work you have done with disability advocacy groups or organizations as a member, volunteer, or employee. Please give examples of how you have been a leader or helped the organization. |

If you are employed, please tell us who you work for and what you do.

Please share any other information about your identities or experiences that may help when considering your application.

**References**

Please provide the name and contact information for three people who can tell us about your qualifications to serve on the Olmstead Consumer Taskforce.

# Reference 1:

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| First and Last Name |  |
| Organization |  |
| Phone Number |  |
| Email Address |  |
| How do you know this person? |  |

**Reference 2:**

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| First and Last Name |  |
| Organization |  |
| Phone Number |  |
| Email Address |  |
| How do you know this person? |  |

**Reference 3:**

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| --- | --- |
| First and Last Name |  |
| Organization |  |
| Phone Number |  |
| Email Address |  |
| How do you know this person? |  |

**Supporting Documents (optional)**

Please feel free to attach your resume or any other document you believe would support your application.

**Thank You for Applying!**