**Olmstead Consumer Taskforce**

**March 11, 2022**

**This meeting was held via Zoom due to COVID-19.**

10:00          **Welcome and Introductions**

Members present: Brittney Montross, Lisa Pakkebier, Jessica Johanns, Jessica Williams, Harriet Gulbranson, Marc Hines, Michael Martin, Brittney Montross, Joel Vander Molen, Mari Reynolds, Megz Stroback, Amber Alaniz, Edward Esbeck, Kris Graves, Paula Connolly

Members absent: Jen Simmering

Others present: June Klein Bacon, Gary McDermott, Geoff Lauer, Cindy Woodard, John McCalley, Misti Johnson, Maggie Ferguson, Kim Barber, Morgan Casey, Fred Wilcox, Eric Gebhart, Bill Kallestead

Staff support: Anne Crotty

10:10         **Review, Additional Items, and Approval of the Agenda**

Jessica motioned to accept the agenda. Brittney seconded. No nays or abstentions. Motion passed.

10:15        **Review, Corrections and Approval of the September minutes**

Michael motioned to approve the minutes. Jessica seconded. Motion passed. No nays or abstentions.

10:30 **Sexual Health and Wellness Self-Advocacy – Judy Warth, Edward Esbeck, and Judy Warth**

11:00 **State Agency Updates**

**DHS Updates – Connie Fanselow**

* See emailed attachment

**No other agency updates**

**Discussion:** No discussion.

11:15 **Olmstead Plan – Connie Fanselow**

* Connie went through the remaining areas of the Olmstead Plan to ask members what factors are most important to consider as MHDS strives to get better quality data.

12:00 **Continued Discussion of Legislative Priorities**

Supported three priorities recommended by Nominations Committee:

* Increasing reimbursement to direct service providers
* Reform of the HCBS waivers
* Continued authorization of telehealth.

12:40 **DOJ Report – Lisa Pakkebier**

Anne will invite Catherine Johnson to attend and present at the next Olmstead meeting. We will keep the DOJ Report as a standing agenda item.

1:00 **Taskforce Committee Reports**

* 1. Executive Committee Report
* The Executive Committee is reviewing the bylaws and discussing possibly switching the large group OCTF meetings to a different day, with the hope of being more convenient for members and state agency representatives.
  1. Nominations Committee Report – Marc Hines
* No report

Olmstead Plan Committee Report – Open

* No report
  1. Community Access Committee Report – Jen Simmering
* Jessica Williams shared her experience with the Host Home program and they discussed the need for a letter regarding reimbursement of telehealth services. Jen will draft a letter and send it to the Executive Committee.

E. Medicaid Committee Report – Paula Connolly, Kris Graves

* Did not meet

**1:00 Taskforce Member Reports**

* Mari noted that ASK Resource Center is developing a new resource for transition to adulthood, known as Transition Iowa.
* Greg Fier mentioned that IDAAN started a program called No Place Like Home to unify messaging related to supports needed to allow people with disabilities and older Iowans to live at home.

**1:30 Public Comment**

* John McCalley shared how Amerigroup of Iowa is partnering with Iowa Total Care and Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, issues that they have noticed are creating disparities across the state, and a small community investment fund that allows service providers to improve their services to better meet the needs of the populations they serve.

1:30      **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.