**Olmstead Consumer Taskforce**

**May 13, 2022**

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

10:00          **Welcome and Introductions**

Members present: Michael Martin, Harriet Gulbranson, Lisa Pakkebier, Jen Simmering, Mari Reynolds, Greg Fier, Amber Alaniz, Edward Esbeck, Marc Hines, Melinda Haley, Jessica Rose Williams

Others present: Karen Thompson, Char Joens, Brooke Lovelace, Morgan Casey, Teresa Bomhoff, Connie Fanselow, Lisa Schneider, Amy Robasse, Amy Desenberg-Wines, Maggie Ferguson

Staff support: Anne Crotty

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

Michael motioned to accept the agenda. Amber seconded. No nays or abstentions. Motion passed.

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

Harriet motioned to approve the minutes. Greg seconded. Motion passed. No nays or abstentions.

11:00 **State Agency Updates**

* **Iowa Department of Public Health**

The Advisory Council on Brain Injuries is recruiting new members.

The Your Life Iowa website is a resource on suicide, crisis counseling, and . IDPH added information on Brain Injury and a screening tool that providers can use to screen people for a lifetime history of brain injury. It is not diagnostic, but informs people that they are at high risk for previously having had a brain injury and allows making accommodations and referrals. More information can be found at <https://yourlifeiowa.org/brain-injury> or providers can request access to the tool by emailing [brain.injury@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:brain.injury@idph.iowa.gov).

* **Iowa Department of Aging**

Morgan Casey – Iowa Dept of Aging has a new Family Caregiving lead.

* **Developmental Disabilities Council**

The DD Council is seeking YLA applicants. It will be held virtually July 25 –29 and is open to youth and young adults ages 14-21. More information is available at: <https://iowaddcouncil.org/youth-leadership-academy/>

* **DHS Updates – Connie Fanselow**
* See emailed attachment

**Discussion:** No discussion.

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

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
* There are currently three open positions, and the application is live.
  1. Olmstead Plan Committee Report – Open
* No report

1. Community Access Committee Report – Jen Simmering

* Submitted the telehealth letter to Liz Matney and Director Kelly Kennedy-Garcia

E. Medicaid Committee Report – Paula Connolly

* No report

**1:00 Taskforce Member Reports**

* Greg Fier mentioned that Iowa Department of Aging may have up to $5 million in funding for home modification assistance and will provide more details at a later date.

**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.