

Olmstead Consumer Task Force

Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2024
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Virtual Only

OLMSTEAD CONSUMER TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Pakkebier (chair)	Bill Loyd
Joel Vander Molen (co-chair)	Michael Martin
Amber Alaniz-Skiles	Brittney Montross
Paula Connolly	Jen Simmering
Edward Esbeck	Megz Strobeck
Greg Fier	Kelly Stull
Ernie Geiger	David Thielen
Harriet Gulbranson	Joey Wesselink
Marc Hines	Jessica Williams

OLMSTEAD CONSUMER TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michelle Allmandinger (excused)	Garret Frey
Amy Desenberg-Wines (excused)	

STAFF SUPPORT:

Falicia Beck

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Mari Brown	Carrie Lair
Morgan Casey	Todd Lange
Amber Edmondson	Brooke Lovelace
Connie Fanselow	Megan Marsh
Eric Gebhart	John McCalley
Ben Grauer	Koki Nakagawa
Christine Kayser	Caitlin Owens
June Klein-Bacon	

Materials Referenced

Olmstead Consumer Task Force May 10th, 2024, Meeting Agenda DRAFT
Olmstead Consumer Task Force March 8th, 2024, Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Aging and Disability Services and Behavioral Health Services Updates 05.10.2024

Welcome and Introductions

Joel Vander Molen, Olmstead Consumer Task Force vice chair called the meeting to order at 10:02am thanking the Task Force and the public for their attendance. Quorum was established.

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

Joel opened the floor to invite revisions to the May agenda, no revisions stated. Marc Hines made a motion to approve the May 10th, 2024, meeting agenda. Ernie Geiger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review & Vote on Approval of March 8th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Joel opened the floor to approve the March meeting minutes. Ahead of the meeting Amy Desenberg-Wines submitted proposed revisions that Falicia Beck shared with the Taskforce in Amy's absence. Greg Fier made a motion to approve the March 8th, 2024, meeting minutes with revisions. Kelly Stull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

State Agency Updates

Morgan Casey, Health and Human Services (HHS) Aging and Disability Services, Aging and Disability Center (ADRC) expansion is currently underway. Coordination for the Aging and Disability network proposal will hopefully be live later this summer. Morgan said she will share slides and more information with staff support, Falicia.

Taskforce Committee Reports

The Executive Committee updates were provided by Joel Vander Molen, the vice chair of the committee. The Committee met on April 8 and discussed an in-person option for the next OCTF meeting. Conversations regarding the traveling expenses and stipends for this option were discussed, staff support will email members for more information on this.

The Nominations Committee updates were shared by Marc Hines, the chair 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. Some members have been requesting updates to their terms and have been directed to email the staff support, Falicia.

The Olmstead Plan Committee updates were provided by Paula Connolly, a member of the committee. There has been an Olmstead Plan Committee meeting scheduled on Tuesday, May 28 from 3-4pm. Anyone can email Amy or staff support, Falicia, for an invitation to this meeting.

The Community Access Committee updates were provided by Jen Simmering, the chair of the committee. The Committee will be meeting Monday, May 13. They have been working toward smaller and specific opportunities to make communities accessible. There are two main areas the committee is currently focused on, with the first being physical navigation in the community. Three projects fall under this category which are parking accessibility at the Iowa Events Center, accessible parking throughout Iowa (there is only space on the passenger's side and not as much for the driver), and a railroad crossing in Iowa City that is in disrepair that people using a wheelchair cannot navigate over. The second area is healthcare access with telehealth opportunities being a struggle for individuals with disabilities especially regarding technology and

MyChart access. Jen also requested anyone who has any community access issues or grievances to share with either herself or the staff support, Falcia.

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 for the Taskforce. Paula also shared there are HOME townhalls which will provide helpful feedback for Medicaid in their redesign.

Recognition for Connie

The Taskforce shared their gratitude to Connie Fanselow for her years of service and dedication to not just the OCTF, but all ways she has advocated for individuals with disabilities. Connie shared Dawn Kekstadt will be filling the role with the Olmstead Consumer Taskforce until someone else is identified to fill that role.

Public Comment

Brooke Lovelace, Iowa's Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council, shared the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) applications are now being accepted. Applications for the voter education empowerment grants are now also being accepted. Make Your Mark Conference will be held September 18 and 19, 2024 in Ames. There were a few links shared:

<https://www.iowaddcouncil.org/yla>

<https://www.iowaddcouncil.org/vote-grant-application>

<https://www.iowaddcouncil.org/mym-conference>

June Klein-Bacon, Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa, shared there are a variety of initiatives and public listening sessions/work groups currently taking place and encouraged people to share their perspectives through these opportunities, including the Multisector Plan on Aging (also called IA SAIL), the HOME project focusing on the waiver redesign, and other opportunities related to service system redesign. There were a few links shared:

Iowa Solutions for Aging with Independence and Longevity (IA SAIL) Community Survey:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=TXssjVoIF0aFNjinbRmw2ruc6CJp90pKsjRLxzSAQPtUQzA0V0k3QjRUT0EwOFRRNkxJSkQ1Qk5XTi4u&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/aging-services/ia-sail?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

HOME feedback survey on waiver redesign:

<https://mathematica.questionprogov.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=Fu1wIGHp1YA%3D>

Mari Brown, ASK Resource Center, shared information about Adaptive Sports Iowa at Easter Lake Park in Des Moines, there is an event June 15. There were a couple links shared:

<https://www.adaptivesportsiowa.org/outdoor-recreation/>

https://disabilityrightsiaowa.org/events/equal-access-festival/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMtAAAR3O0ujdmd2FMdtZDpoo7ECrecXSZozLEcTbT3eVm617518mOERXgpY6KXw_aem_ARAjC5_7xXu0DLqzaCzosH7-xNjYzDFXVrFhPCpNV39tdV-NL2GDOCS49LzVKKg5fPKfLrlzb5Zkvo8Rft9jQJY

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:43am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Falcia Beck.