

## **Olmstead Plan Committee Report**

### **OCTF: January 10, 2025**

#### **Olmstead Plan Committee Meeting December 20, 2024**

Attendees: Amy Desenberg-Wines (chair), Greg Fier (voting member), June Klein-Bacon, Mari Brown, Kim Walford, Dawn Kekstadt (HHS), Laura Leise (HHS), Falicia Beck (staff support)

Voting Members Absent: Garret Frey, Jen Simmering, Joey Wesselink (excused), Michael Martin

#### **Meeting Summary:**

The Olmstead Plan Committee met on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Dawn Kekstadt and Laura Leise with Iowa's Health and Human Services' Community Integration Aging and Disability Services Division joined the meeting. Laura will be the HHS liaison to the OCTF and one of her priority areas of work is to update HHS' Olmstead State Plan.

Dawn shared how HHS is working to bring the Olmstead Plan into other efforts the Department is working on and make it a more meaningful document and tool. She shared that it intends to be a living document that includes measurable activities that will be monitored and modified as it evolves. She shared that the ongoing engagement of stakeholders, including the OCTF, plays a critical role in the development, monitoring, and evaluation of efforts. The Dept. would also hope to have OCTF members share opportunities for engagement and input on the Plan with their networks.

The Olmstead Plan Committee will meet every other month with Laura to get updates and provide input on the Plan development, and the Committee asked Laura to come to the OCTF bimonthly meetings to provide updates and get relevant input as needed. The Committee also asked Laura to keep the OCTF updated on finalized agreements and efforts related to the Dept. of Justice investigation into Iowa.

The Olmstead Plan Committee will assess at each meeting if additional meetings are needed and if focused areas of Committee work need modifying.

The next Olmstead Plan Committee meeting will be on February 7, 2025, from 11:00-12:00 p.m.