

Olmstead Medicaid and Legislative Watch Committee Meeting

Date: August 21, 2025

Attendees: Anne Crotty, Laura Leise, Andria Pooley (Staff Support)

Updates

- Anne may be able to provide an update at the next meeting regarding the Iowa Department for the Blind settlement.
- Reviewed information from **Iowa REACH | Health & Human Services**.

End of Session Discussion

- **Consideration for bills that did not pass this year**
 - Use these as a blueprint for future advocacy.
 - Use the DD Council tracker to track relevant bills.
 - Focus on nominated bills that did not pass.
- **Governor's race and election outcomes** will have an impact.
 - Explore whether other disability organizations are already working on related issues:

Action Items

- **Choose and prioritize ideas/items**
 - Narrow down focus and push selected priorities strongly.
- **Increase specificity**
 - Identify gaps and make them known.
 - Josh Tureck may be able to provide input/support.
- **Develop effective strategy**
 - Need to determine clear strategies for advocacy.
 - Ensure candidates know who we are and what priorities we want to see.
- **Candidate invitations**
 - Consider inviting candidates to the full Taskforce meeting.
 - Determine if this is acceptable to do if all candidates get invitations
 - Not a platform for campaigning, but an opportunity for candidates to understand priorities