

Olmstead Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13, 2025

Attendees: Lisa Pakkebier (Chair), Joel Vander Molen, Bill Loyd, Mari Brown

1. Guest Invitations and Upcoming Meetings

- **Potential Guest:** The Committee discussed inviting Lee Grossman to attend an upcoming full Taskforce meeting.
 - The date of attendance will remain open to Lee's schedule.
 - Committee members agreed to provide the 2026 meeting dates so he can determine availability.
 - The discussion topic will be left to Lee, potentially including an introduction, his plans in his new position, and his vision for the future of disability services in Iowa.
- **Additional Guest:** Zach Rhein will be invited to attend the January or February 2026 meeting—whichever month Leigh does not attend.
- **November Meeting:** Significant portion dedicated to the Olmstead Plan.

2. Meeting Recordings and Accessibility

- The Committee revisited the prior policy stating that meetings could not be recorded.
- Concerns were raised about accessibility, specifically captioning and who would be responsible for remediating captions.
- The Committee discussed linking this recording in the official minutes for transparency.
- It was also agreed that attendees should be asked to post their names when joining meetings to ensure accountability and transparency (i.e., preventing anonymous participation).

3. Olmstead Plan Updates

- Mari Brown shared feedback from the recent Olmstead Plan Committee Meeting.

- Concerns were expressed that the Olmstead Plan may not adequately serve individuals currently in institutional settings.
- The Committee discussed whether plan goals could be changed, though it appears that making significant changes would be difficult at this stage.

4. Upcoming Event: “From DC to Iowa”

- Bill Loyd shared information about the event, “From DC to Iowa: How Policy Shifts Will Impact the Disability Community,” scheduled for November 13, 2025, at the Harkin Center.
- Andria will share event details and registration links with the full Taskforce.

5. Outreach and Communications

- The Committee discussed creating short-format videos (2–4 minutes) explaining the Olmstead decision, featuring people with lived experience, and providing an overview of the Taskforce’s mission and activities.

6. Membership and Leadership Updates

- Lisa will reach out to Krystal Fitzpatrick via email or phone to check on her availability and continued participation.
- Discussion included having an alternate representative if Krystal is unavailable.
 - Potential alternates:
 - Emma Bouza
 - Erin Field
- Andria is collaborating with Laura Leise to develop an updated onboarding presentation for new Taskforce members.

Next Steps:

- Lisa will contact Krystal to confirm participation.
- Andria will distribute the “From DC to Iowa” event link and continue work on the onboarding presentation.
- The Committee will finalize invitations to Lee Grossman and Zach Rhein.

- Community Access Committee will continue on next steps for an introduction video.