

Marion County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

January 11, 2023

Present: Corissa Neufeldt, Kathy Schnebly, Kimberly Taylor, Daniel Atsbaha, Shelley Day, Trisha McGowan, Beth Hill, Samantha Andress, Patty Pickett-Cooper, Rebecca Hill

Guest:

Excused: David Beem, Richard Falardeau, Michelle Silvernagel, Joaquin Ramos, Mariah Boyd, Ross Ryan, Jennifer Rowan

Order of Business

Introduction: No new members today.

Agenda Review: Fix dates on Agenda. Removed DAFN Tool Kit as Joaquin is not here to present.

Review of Minutes: Minutes reviewed, Kathy asked for a motion, Beth motioned, and Daniel seconded. All approved the minutes as written.

Follow up items from the last meeting:

2023 Action Plan: This was reviewed and approved already by the IDDAC but was pending until Joaquin was able to review using an equity lens. Joaquin has reviewed and has no recommended changes.

Action Items

VR Employment Survey: Due to holidays the group has not met, so, there is no update currently. Samantha will try to get meeting set up before February IDDAC meeting so the group can report at the next meeting.

Program and Committee Updates

Program updates: I/DD has hired a new Clinical Supervisor, Michael Thomas. He is the supervisor for the provider payments program; DDMA, Quality Assurance, DD Processing, and the new Policy & Planning Strategist. He comes from Linn County DD Services as a Clinical Supervisor. An invitation to the February meeting will be extended to Michael and the new Policy & Planning Strategist. The new Policy & Planning Strategist will help with project planning and assist in IDDAC projects such as the 2023 conference, will work closely with Quality Assurance, and process maps that all feed into department strategic plans.

Budget planning process is beginning, and we are specifically looking at adding Service Coordinator (SC) positions for business needs and caseload needs. We had not requested more SC positions in the past due to vacancies, but Corissa will present to the BOC to add more case management positions and potentially a supervisor position as growth happens. Trisha McGowan shares about new SC's that have been hired. She shares that there are ongoing interviews taking place for Service Coordinator positions and the Children's Foster Home Certifier position.

Beth Hill asks about OIS (Oregon Intervention Systems) trainings as a follow up discussion from summer 2022. Corissa shares that last year one of the two qualified trainers resigned, so they had reached out to staff to determine if anyone was interested in becoming an OIS trainer. 2 staff have been identified but must undergo comprehensive training first. Corissa shares that the current OIS trainer is also a SC, so she can only do trainings about every 6 months rather than the goal of quarterly trainings. Rebecca Hill wonders about offering OIS trainings in broken-down sessions vs full day trainings. Corissa shares there was discussion and feedback from previous OIS trainer and representatives on Steer Committee regarding broken-down sessions but there is a requirement that trainees would have to complete all sessions within 2 weeks. Corissa shares there are challenges with trainers blocking out inconsistent shorter session's vs whole days as well as attendees' consistency. Corissa shares feedback from previous OIS trainer, Cory, that he liked smaller training scale, but recommended it is not best use of training resources for only individuals vs a small group. Rebecca suggests a cohort over the course of two weeks might work if it could be considered. Rebecca shares 8-hour training days are not conducive to those with children who only attend 6 hours' worth of school per day or other attendees who have scheduling difficulties. Corissa shares once trainers are trained by next year, we can begin to look at different/modified schedules.

Corissa shares I/DD has received some ARPA funds and are still waiting for ODDS funds for Provider Relations Specialist position. In the meantime, \$159,000 has been received to implement projects proposed through Innovation grant. Corissa has been talking with IDD leadership to see if some of \$159,000 can be used towards infrastructure to support our provider relations including a Provider Portal and use towards 2024 conference.

DAFN Tool Kit: Joaquin is not in attendance. Will move to next month's meeting.

Citizens Transportation Committee: No update from Ross if he has applied for the Citizens Transportation Committee. Rebecca shares he has been having trouble with any applications due to email issues. She is trying to work towards helping him with these challenges. Corissa shares for the IDDAC application, we can make accommodations over the phone or in person to help with filling out the application. Corissa shares that applications for CTC were due in December, so nobody was able to join this round and will have to wait until December 2023.

Other Business:

Conference Planning: Corissa shares full speed conference planning and making good progress. She shares that we have most of our session slots filled. I/DD Supervisors have been coordinating volunteers for support at conference, and it was suggested that there is an orientation held for volunteers prior to the conference. Corissa is in support of that idea and hopes to get that scheduled. The planning group working on getting the registration site up and running and hopefully will be completed shortly. Kathy commended Shelly's work on this process.

IDD Awareness month: Communication was sent out to Shangri-La about the Yellow Napkin Campaign regarding IDDAC's assistance financially and support with distribution but have not received a response at the time of this meeting. Corissa is working on the proclamation to the BOC to declare IDD Awareness month and will send a draft for review and input once completed. Revisited human interest stories as a part of IDD Awareness Month, Corissa states there is a new communications coordinator in BOC office, but we may work with our communications coordinator to do some social media posting. Rebecca shares her contact with Statesman Journal has been laid off due to staffing downsizing. Corissa wonders about looking at other agencies and how they are promoting to gain ideas on how we can promote through our social media. Kathy shares importance of community partnership to support our families and agencies.

Mini Grants Funding: Samantha shares update on purchasing and recommendations for process updates on next round of grants. Corissa wonders if we should continue offering both Family Flex Funds vs Emergency Preparedness Mini Grants. Some changes to the process for Emergency Preparedness Mini Grants could look at using a specific retailer or predetermining a couple of different types of generators vs the current process of families choosing drastically different generators in power, price, and through various retailers. Kathy asks about remaining funds, Sam shares this round was approved for approximately \$48,000 preapproved in purchases but will provide a breakdown of cost by the next IDDAC meeting in February. Corissa suggests IDDAC members think about what the need or demand might be and calls on Trisha or Patty to see if they have a better idea of what is currently offered through the General Fund Family Supports and how we can provide items but not duplicate the same resources available elsewhere. Kathy and Rebecca share that sometimes families don't know necessarily what they need at first, but as grants or funding like this comes up it allows them to figure out what they need that they can't normally receive elsewhere.

Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee: Corissa shares about Addiction Treatment Services and executive leadership discussion "how do we address disparity in services in DD services and A & D treatment?" Currently there is no pathway for individuals in DD services to also get ATS services. There is a growing number of young adults coming into

our systems that are unsheltered and are experiencing addiction challenges. The ATS Division Director reached out to Corissa about discussing modification of treatment curriculum for IDD individuals. The DD system is more complex in that our individuals often have PSW's, Care Givers, etc. involved in their care vs a normal individual may be independent and self-serve care. In the discussion about changing curriculum to meet IDD individual's needs, they are looking at reframing "groups" to "activities" where individuals who are referred can come and meet with a peer support specialist and other peers in a way that doesn't necessarily feel like a standard structured group. This would allow current support workers to share current goals with group facilitators before activities happen to structure activities towards current goals. Corissa shares excitement that IDD individuals are now being considered in these services. Kathy discusses disparity in education for youth with IDD surrounding social, emotional, sexuality and drugs. Rebecca shares the previous year's Safe and Secure Symposium did discuss these things, but she is unsure if presenters this year will touch on the topic. She wonders if it is not discussed at symposium, maybe it can be presented at 2023 conference.

There was discussion surrounding inequitable services for those in ATS and mental health services and inadequate training for professionals who work with IDD individuals. Corissa shares the ACHMP discussion regarding inequitable services found that OHA has not been receiving complaints regarding inequity, so they are not seeing it as a large issue. Corissa recommended that IDDAC and supports should increase suggestions for those experiencing inequity to lodge complaints so that OHA can review the data. Shelley mentions that individuals may not know where to lodge complaints, Corissa seconds this and shares that there has been discussion and advocacy for an easier complaint process but that IDDAC members and community partners should continue to spread awareness and advocate for easier complaints with OHA.

Membership updates: Corissa presented applications for Jennifer and Mariah at Board Management Update. BOC has accepted their applications and are moving to formal appointment at the January 25th board session. Deb P. and Susan G. have not renewed, and Deb is hopeful to reapply at some point in the future if her schedule allows. In conversation with the BOC yesterday, they suggest continuing to do outreach to rural school districts to find representatives for IDDAC and Corissa shares some effort has been made but there is an increasing need in rural areas of Marion County. It has been discussed at monthly Employment Provider meeting but find there isn't a lot of rural providers and/or providers are unwilling to serve those areas. Vocational Rehab and Salem Keizer School District now have representatives on the monthly meeting. Kathy wonders if a Housing Department representative should join monthly IDDAC meeting. Corissa shares housing concern is on the Governors agenda and hopes to work on affordable housing for IDD individuals who want to live independently. Rebecca shares that Creating Opportunities has been working with OHA and there is a housing project and a couple of housing events coming up and will reach out to Samantha Andress to

invite representative to attend February or March meetings. Beth suggests inviting a behavioral health representative and not just A&D. Corissa states she can ask internal staff, but we may want to consider outside mental health providers such as New Perspectives or Valley Mental Health. Corissa will reach out to Behavioral Health division director to see if there is interest.

Legislative Updates: New governor effective Monday 1/16/2023, Tina Kotek. First order of business is to declare state of emergency for homelessness. Corissa shares concern about 988 and mobile crisis and use for IDD individuals, she feels like there is a growing trend of misunderstanding or not responding to those in residential and foster home settings. Legislative session officially opens on the 17th. Corissa will forward legislative concepts surrounding housing, retirement in competitive integrated settings, and there will likely be other bills that come along that impact our population. Go Advocacy days flyers have been sent out. Corissa encourages members to review and respond to emails from her surrounding legislation.

Good of the order

Creating Opportunities is doing Safe and Secure on 31st at Keizer Library. Topics will include 911 communication. Registration for first responders are starting to trickle in but Rebecca encourages sharing the information to anyone who might be interested. It is designed for Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties but others can attend if they are interested.

Next meeting:

- March conference preparation should be on agenda for a few months
- Possible draft of employment survey/VR
- DAFN Tool Kit draft
- Sam to prepare flex funds/mini grant funding update
- OHA Complaint Process Update
- Housing representative attending

Beth motions. Shelley seconds. Meeting adjourned 11:52am.

REMINDER- NEXT MEETING February 8th, 2023 from 10:00-12:00pm via Teams