

# Marion County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 8th, 2022

**Present:** Corissa Neufeldt, Kathy Schnebly, Michelle Sibernagel, Kimberly Taylor, Rebecca Hill, Daniel Atsbaha, Beth Hill, Shelley Day, Richard Falardeau, Patty Pickett-Cooper, Joaquin Ramos, Trisha McGowan, Gretchen Hackenmiller

**Excused:** Susan Garlinger, David Beem, Deborah Patterson

## Order of Business

**Introduction:** Everyone introduced themselves.

**Agenda Review:** Add in Committee Availability to Program Updates

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

### **Follow up items from the last meeting:**

OIS Training, Marion County has 3 staff that are OIS trainers. We are focusing on training families, foster providers, and small 24hr providers. Trainings will be offered Quarterly. Committee members provided some feedback and concerns with the OIS training parameters specified by the OIS Steering Committee. The OIS Steering Committee is operated by an ODDS contractor (Alternative Service Inc). There are rigid training requirements for participants and cost. Current OIS structure, per the OIS Steering Committee guidelines, is to complete 2 days of training within 2 weeks and most trainings are back to back days, during the week making it difficult for families to attend. Members suggested OIS Steering allow greater flexibility and inclusion in training, particularly for families and small providers, such as spreading training out over the two weeks instead of back-to-back 2 full days; allowing parents who have already taken basic OIS training and later need the more PPI training, to just take the second part vs. having to take 2 full days. Beth reported Shangri-La has someone on the OIS Steering Committee. Beth agreed to provide the IDDAC feedback to their OIS Steering Committee Rep. to share with the Steering Committee. Next Steering Committee is coming up soon. We will add this topic back to September agenda for follow up. Until then, members think about how we as a committee can help families and providers attend.

Voc Rehab Concerns, Deb has reached out to VR central office leadership about possibly coming and meeting with IDDAC. Acacia McGuire-Anderson, Statewide Employment First Coordinator is also willing to meet with IDDAC. Discussed that we agreed last meeting, we wanted to hear from others what their experiences have been with VR so

IDDAC can better understand what the concerns are and how best to focus any recommendations/discussion with local or state VR leadership. We will have committee members join the monthly Marion County Employment/Provider meeting in July or August to discuss their experiences and concerns. Next Employment/Provider meeting is July 7<sup>th</sup>. Corissa will see about getting on their agenda. We will plan to invite Acacia from Employment First to join our meeting in September.

Yellow Napkin Activity- Shangri-La has Yellow Napkin campaign they promote during March IDD Awareness month. They distribute Yellow Napkins to restaurants to promote IDD awareness. Shangri-La is open to partnering. Agreed this sounded like an interesting initiative and aligns with our IDD Awareness campaign. Will invite Laura from Shangri-La to present and discuss how IDDAC can partner to expand the initiative/campaign.

## Action Items

**Meeting Date and Time:** Discussion was held. At this time, there is no indication from Salem-Keizer school district that they will discontinue late start on Wed. mornings. The family reps on committee will be able to attend 10-12pm time if we move meeting, as long as we continue to offer flexible meeting participation options (i.e. phone and virtual). Rebecca Motioned and Ricky seconded, All approve. Starting September 2022, IDDAC Meetings will be the Second Wednesday of the month from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Calendar appointments will be updated to reflect change starting with September meeting.

## Program and Committee Updates

**Program updates:** The budget was approved, and the new positions requested will be posted soon; 3 ONA Specialist, Policy Specialist, and 2 additional Office Support Specialists.

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) have taken a greater interest in understanding what all the Advisory Committees do. For example, they helped to update our By-Laws in January 2022. The BOC may attend or have a representative attend a meeting in the future. We will also need to update our website with meeting times and dates, agenda, and minutes. We need to ensure public meeting notices and meeting notes get posted on our website in a timely manner. This allows the BOC and the public to attend meetings when desired and review our discussions. This may also help with recruitment. If people are interested in joining, they can review our agenda and minutes, or attend meeting.

Compass Project, The State is preparing to implement new rates using the ONA for some services beginning July 1, 2022. If you are interested in attending any of the trainings to learn more about the COMPASS Project, you can go to ODDS website for list

of trainings. [State of Oregon: Compass Project - Compass Project](#) There are some providers who will experience a decrease in rates. ODDS is open to exception requests and is encouraging local offices to work with providers to ensure individual needs are able to be met with new rates.

**Committee Availability:** Corissa explains we currently have 11 members, and the Board did remove our 12 member limit. We have an opening for a Self Advocate or Family member, and we need to maintain 50% Self Advocate/Family representation. For additional members we should consider someone that is either, A child Foster Care Provider, an Employment Provider, or a non-traditional Community Partner such as a local business owner, someone from medical field, or education partner. Applications are available online. Also reviewed membership term dates, and we have a few members whose terms will expire in December 2023. We should be thinking ahead. Corissa also noted change in the screening process for new applications. Applications will still be initially reviewed by IDDAC but recommended applicants will then be presented to BOC at a management update or work session for further consideration. If application supported, then will move forward for appointment by BOC.

**QA Review:** Patty states she has prepared the draft Corrective Action Plan with response and recommendations for what we were not in compliance with. For some findings ODDS dictates what our corrective action should be, and for other findings, we are expected to write our own corrective action plan and those need to be approved by the ODDS QA office. We did submit documentation to dispute a few findings, and ODDS accepted those. We will be submitting the draft Corrective Action Plan imminently. Hopeful to get the final corrective action plan back soon and then we will start implementing. Our I/DD QA Plan will need to be updated to reflect needed areas of improvement and or adjusted performance measures based on our recent state QA review. The updated QA plan will need to be reviewed and approved by the committee. Will send out revised plan prior to the next meeting.

## Other Business:

**Health Care Advocates:** Removed from Agenda

**Protective Service Investigations:** There was a concern brought to the committee regarding whether reports of abuse were being appropriately screened in or out. Corissa states she will address with the AAI supervisor. Corissa explains they are a very new team and that has created a backlog of work. Investigations are taking longer while the team trains, OTIS is closely monitoring the team's progress, helping with investigations to catch them up, and they are having weekly meetings with supervisor and investigators to discuss and review progress on investigation work. Team is also working on hiring a few temps staff to assist with volume and backlog of work.

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Next meeting:

- OIS Training
- Acacia from Employment First
- October, Laura from Shangri-La, Yellow Napkin Campaign

REMINDER- NEXT MEETING September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00pm via Teams

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.