

**Marion County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

**June 14, 2023**

**Present:** Corissa Neufeldt, Kathy Schnebly, Samantha Andress, Rebecca Hill, Shelley Day, Beth Hill, Mariah Boyd, Kimberly Taylor, Jennifer Rowan, Daniel Atsbaha, Michelle Silbernagel

**Guest:** Ross Ryan

**Excused:** David Beem, Joaquin Ramos, Trisha McGowan, Patty Pickett-Cooper, Richard Falardeau

**Order of Business**

**Introduction:** No new members to introduce.

**Agenda Review:** No changes to agenda

**Review of Minutes:** Kathy asks for a motion to accept minutes as written. Beth moves to accept, Daniel seconds. Minutes approved as written.

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

OHA Complaint Process: No current update. Corissa discusses the difference in complaint processes between hospital services, EMT services and mental health services.

**Action Items**

No action items to discuss today.

**Program and Committee Updates**

**VR Employment Survey Update:** Samantha has created a Smartsheet with the questions. Mariah and Corissa have reviewed the survey and have no changes so they will work on distributing the survey to Service Coordinators to deliver to their individuals in services. Corissa will also send the survey to Ricky to get brokerage perspective to distribute to his brokerage and RCO. Kathy asks about intent to send to other brokerages outside of Marion County, Corissa explains we will be working on Marion County first.

**Program updates:** Corissa shares program updates that the 2023-2024 County Budget was approved, and we are waiting for new position numbers to come through for 3 new case management positions and office support positions.

Corissa gives legislative budget perspective update that the committee has approved the DD budget for the state and case management entities, and we will not be seeing an overall budget increase but will receive an increase in funding due to caseload increases but no percentage change from 86.5% funding. Corissa encourages continued advocacy for funding bump for case management to 90%-100% to bring to the next legislative session.

Corissa announces that she has submitted her notice of resignation and will be leaving her role as Division Director with Marion County in July. She has accepted a position with ODHS. She is still sorting out her transition plan and coverage until her position is filled. Corissa encourages representation from IDDAC members to participate in interviews for her position when it opens. She shares there is some possibility they may split her position and create a Program Manager for IDD, to which she also advocates for an IDDAC member to attend those interviews. Corissa shares Diversity and Inclusion Strategist, Joaquin has also submitted his resignation. She shares work towards Service Equity Action Plan has been finalized and will have Joaquin send out to the group.

Corissa discusses ongoing staffing challenges with ever increasing intakes and caseload sizes. Corissa shares the county IDD program is seeing an approximate 30 new individuals coming into service each month in Marion County. Kathy wonders about the origins of disabilities, whether they are genetic or such as fetal alcohol syndrome. Corissa states she will follow up with eligibility department to determine what trends they are seeing regarding Kathy's question. Ross wonders if the increase is earlier diagnosis vs later in life resulting from doctors in the field having more knowledge and education on disabilities. Corissa agrees that there is likely a better understanding and recognition earlier on in life. Jennifer Rowan shares that she is seeing a larger influx in younger children with high needs, and it continues to increase year after year.

Corissa shares the volunteer coordinator for the county is updating volunteer policy's which will allow for individuals to gain work experience at the county with a formal work agreement. Corissa asks they included ADA accommodations so that VR and transition kids may be able to get work experience.

**Engaging the BOC in DD:** Corissa discusses experience working with the Marion County Commissioners who don't fully understand the critical and important work that DD does and why the program keeps expanding. She says she is fielding questions about why individuals are coming to our program instead of brokerages. Corissa explains that some individuals have a choice on where they are in services, but not all have the choice such as children. Corissa understands some of Commissioners hesitance with fees, building space, etc. Rebecca wonders what portion of the program do they not understand? Corissa explains it is the general lack of understanding of the impact and importance of the work that we do. Kathy also explains about the importance in continuity in service coordinators providing a consistent service. Kathy suggests having a small panel of an

individual, service coordinator, team, etc. to show the commissioners the all sides of the services that are provided, including individual feedback on the impact our services have. Rebecca agrees that a small meeting to hear from parents, providers, or teams may be helpful to share information back and forth. Corissa suggests meeting can take place during March IDD Awareness month as it takes place during budget planning and proposal.

### Other Business:

**Email/Phone Concerns:** Kimberly had to leave meeting early. Corissa shares Kimberly's concern when sending out VR survey's that individuals contact information is being protected. Corissa reassures that the individual's feedback will not include personal information given to VR, but that it is intended to provide general feedback to improve VR services for all.

**Transportation:** Ross shares concerns with transportation being available but it is not the best compared to other states. He is finding it is more difficult to get places than before citing a lack of transportation on Sundays and having to rely on support people to take them to places. He shares that medical transportation is also inconsistent and finds that he is calling dispatch in other states, and that transport has been arriving late. Corissa shares information about Cherriots Special Advisory Committee that accepts applications for new members every December. Corissa suggests that Ross apply for that committee and if Ross is unable to than someone else from IDDAC should. Corissa shares Marion County was meeting with Pacific Source CCO who oversees most of our individuals who use medical transportation, but the meetings may be discontinued. Corissa will extend an invitation to someone at Pacific Source to attend IDDAC to hear these concerns around October.

**Camp Flyer:** Shelley, Kathy and Corissa have met weekly. The group has funded 3 camps so far, and have 3 more to review. Corissa shares she learned that Kplan will only cover camps that have a qualified medical provider which opens up a lot of camps for individuals to attend. There was one denial for a Kroc Center membership request. Michelle says she can help if a camp is interested in getting Medicaid certification to use Kplan funding. Kathy wonders if this will continue to be funded for next year, Corissa explains it depends. These funds were available because of vacancies, but IDDAC does have the ability to recommend use of leftover/rollover funds to use for these grants.

**Ambulance/EMT:** Corissa shares about receiving feedback from ambulance and EMT providers about receiving too many calls and the EMTs decided the calls were not necessary to attend. Jennifer wondered if the calls were medical or behavioral and Corissa shares it was both. Jennifer shares they haven't seen refusal to attend calls but have received pushback from EMTs. Beth Hill shares EMT director has told Shangri-La that EMT services will not attend falls any longer unless the individual needs medical treatment as a result of the fall.

**Membership updates:** Michelle has submitted application for renewal. The Marion County Volunteer Coordinator is working on building packet to take to the BOC session. We have received an application for a residential provider, Beeloved Care Homes. Corissa asks for 2 members to attend a virtual meeting with the applicant to ask questions and get a feel for the provider to determine if they should recommend the provider for appointment to the IDDAC. Samantha set up a meeting for Kathy and Shelley to meet with applicant in Corissa's absence.

**Legislative Updates:** Corissa discusses Statute 426 and the capacity for Civil Commitments for individuals with mental illness disorders to the Oregon State Hospital. Under statute 427 individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities are committed to the Department of Human Services because Fairview institution has closed. A Senator in legislation and ODDS think 427 should go away, which is a concern for Marion County. 14 out of the 27 people under civil commitment are in Marion County and significantly impacted by IDD and mental health disorders. Many are served at SACU. She shares there is a work group in progress to repeal statute and how to support those people if 427 goes away. There are concerns that people who are advocating for 427 to go away will be covered under 426, but that is not the case because the majority committed in Marion County do not meet the mental health diagnosis for civil commitment. Corissa encourages committee to keep this in mind.

Jennifer shares update that bill 628 has passed and that insurances are required to cover kids for IVIG treatment and PANDAS/PANS.

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Next meeting:

- VR Employment survey- September Agenda
- November Meeting- Cherrlots Transportation Committee need contact information
- Add to beginning of year for next year for camp funds?

Kathy asks for a motion to adjourn. Beth motions. Daniel seconds. Meeting adjourned 12:10pm.

REMINDER- NEXT MEETING September 13th, 2023 from 10:00-12:00pm via Teams