



## QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 10/27/2023

**Location:** Zoom. Due to renovations at the Lucas Building, this meeting was held virtually.

**In Attendance:**

Appointed Members							
x	T. Clark		B. Easter (chair)	x	A. Gomez (vice chair)	x	K. Grell
x	C. Lang	x	E. Lietsch	x	J. Shelton	x	A. Smith
x	J. True	x	J. Torner		(open)		(open)
	(open)						
Ex Officio Members							
x	Iowa HHS Aging & Disability Services (Fanselow)	x	Dept for the Blind (Reimers)	x	Iowa HHS Public Health (McComas)		
x	Iowa HHS Medicaid (Moskowitz)	x	Dept. of Education (Walker)		Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services		
IDPH Brain Injury Program Staff							
x	M. Ferguson	x	J. Pender	x	T. Yak		

**Members of the public in attendance**

NAME	AFFILIATION
Brooke Lovelace	Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council
Lizzy Weber	IowaTotalCare
Christy Kayser	Molina Healthcare of Iowa
June Klein-Bacon	Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa
Jolena Perri	Intern, Iowa Department for the Blind
Diane Hernandez	Children and Families of Iowa

Agenda Topic	Action/Discussion
<b>Roll Call</b>	Gomez called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Ferguson took roll call and appointed members of the council took a moment to introduce themselves. Quorum was established.

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<b>Review agenda &amp; Approval of July 2023 meeting minutes</b>	Gomez discussed the agenda and shared she would include breaks at the top of each hour and break for lunch. Time is included on the agenda prior to lunch and the end of the meeting for public comment. <b>Motion to approve July 2023 meeting minutes.</b> Made by: Shelton made a motion; True seconded. Discussion: None <i>Motion carried through a unanimous vote. Minutes were approved</i>

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<b>Updates from the Developmental Disabilities Council</b>	Brooke Lovelace, Executive Director of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council, was welcomed to the meeting. She provided information about the DD Council and infoNET. She also summarized the recommendations from the Boards and Commissions Review Committee  Council members discussed options for educating others about the work of this group. Gomez asked members to volunteer to be a part of an ad hoc committee to draft a 1-pager summary. Shelton and True indicated interest.	
Action Item	Person/s Responsible	Deadline
Schedule meeting of ad hoc group	Ferguson	NA

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<b>MCO LTSS representatives' update and Q&amp;A</b>	Managed Care Organizations (MCO) Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) representatives provided brief updates. Council members had questions related to what is being done to increase wages for direct support staff and what is being done to address the shortages with long-term care options. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Amerigroup</u>: No representation was present</li> <li>• <u>Iowa Total Care</u>: Weber was in attendance. She shared that case management recruitment and retention has been a challenge. She responded to questions from the council.</li> <li>• <u>Molina Healthcare of Iowa</u>: Kayser also confirmed the challenges around recruitment and retention. As continuity of care is rolling over, there may be a large number of denials of claims. Starting to get out and meet members.</li> </ul>	
Action Item	Person/s Responsible	Deadline
Request for additional information about what the MCOs and HHS are doing to address nursing home closures and limited number of options for long-term care, as it is getting increasingly difficult to find placement for individuals, especially for individuals with disabilities.	MCO representatives	Next meeting

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<b>Discussion: Brain injury tote bags</b>	June Klein-Bacon, Associate Director of the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa (BIAIA), was welcomed to the meeting. She provided an update about work the BIAIA has done to gather feedback regarding the brain injury resource tote bag, including from Individual & Family Access task force, clients, support group members and others. General consensus was that the volume of content was too much and recommendations that the number of items be reduced with option for downloading additional information as needed in the future.

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<b>Brain Injury Services Program updates</b>	Ferguson and Pender submitted a written report and provided a verbal summary.  Ferguson will send out a request for member bios and headshot for members to put faces to names and have information about each other so they don't feel the need to introduce themselves at each meeting.

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<b>Public Comment</b>	Gomez opened the floor for public comment. None was received.

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<b>Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa (BIAIA) Update</b>	<p>Klein-Bacon provided written and verbal summary of program updates related to their contracts from Iowa Health and Human Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brain Injury Advocacy Day on February 14. BIAIA offered to share the 1 pager developed about the work on the council.</li> <li>• Annual conference in Iowa City on March 7-8, 2024.</li> <li>• A new pilot project was highlighted and requested input and feedback from the Council. Gomez assigned this work to the Individual and Family Access Task Force.</li> </ul>	
Action Item	Person/s Responsible	Deadline
Add agenda item for update on self-management program from BIAIA	Easter/Gomez	Prior to next meeting

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<b>Questions for State Agencies</b>	<u>Dept. for the Blind</u> Reimers shared a verbal update regarding activities currently underway and trends they are seeing related to clients they are supporting.

	<p><u>Department of Education</u> Walker shared a brief, verbal update. A written report was submitted. Specific highlights include the development of online modules, including one on concussion management, for new school nurse on-demand training.</p> <p><u>Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS)</u> Representation from IVRS was not present.</p> <p><u>Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – Public Health:</u> McComas provided an update from public health. Highlighting new epidemiologist position in the Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services and a new quarterly newsletter. Contributions to the newsletter are welcomed. A review of administrative rules affecting the public health division will occur in 2024.</p> <p><u>HHS –Medicaid:</u> Moskowitz submitted written report and provided a verbal overview. She also provided a walkthrough of the new HHS Medicaid Dashboard.</p> <p><u>HHS – Behavioral Health and Disability Services:</u> Fanselow was on earlier in the meeting and submitted a written report, but was not able to be on the call at this point in the agenda.</p>
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<b>Public Comment</b>	Gomez opened the floor for public comment. None received.

**Motion to adjourn.**

Made by: Shelton; Lang seconded.

*Motion carried through a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM*

*Meeting minutes prepared by: Maggie Ferguson, Iowa Dept. of Health and Human Services*