

Dependent Adult Protective Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes/December 8, 2023

Meeting held via Zoom

Council Members Present: Abby Giampolo (Public Member 2), Gloriana Fisher (HHS), Cindy Ramer (IA Caregivers Assc. 1) and Jody Selby (Public Member 1).

Guest Attendance: Cindy Reed, Theresa Davison, Whitney Driscoll, Alicyn Reimer, Lila Starr, Ann Marie Kofta, Meleia Wuthrich, Ben Little, Connie Fanselow, Paula Motsinger, Kim Downs, and Laura Kriegermeier.

Agenda Items:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of October Minutes: Approval of October's minutes will take place at February's meeting as quorum was not achieved.
- Update on Iowa Boards and Commissions Review Committee Report regarding recommendation for DAPAC elimination- Gloriana
 - It is believed this will be a prefile in the next legislative session with the recommendation that DAPAC be disbanded. We will continue to meet until a formal decision is made.
 - If DAPAC is disbanded, there are plans to revive the previously established group, Coordinated Community Response (CCR). This will allow for continued networking/sharing with external stakeholders.
 - Delay for election of DAPAC Officers until DAPAC outcome is known.
 - Delay for revision of DAPAC by-laws until SAPAC outcome is known.
- Realignment update- Gloriana
 - HHS's 10th division, Aging and Disability Services, is up and running. Focus continues to be placed on hiring, streamlining the mission and vision, operating under a continuum. Gloriana discussed briefly the following services: Target Case Management (Fee for Services), Community Integration, Legacy Disability and Mental Health Services, Navigation and Support services, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), Community Integration (individuals with disabilities or older adults who may need services to be maintained in their community), Adult Protective Services (delineated roles between OPG services and Abuse Investigatory services)
 - As a program, management continue advocating for more staff.
- APS Funding Update- Gloriana
 - Adult Protective Services currently operates under three (3) different federal grants.
 - CRRSA grant funding has ended. The final CRRSA report is being completed and is available for review upon request. All CRRSA funds were utilized by March 31, 2023.
 - ARPA grant funding is actively being utilized. This funding period goes through September 30, 2024. There was recent communication from the ACL that a no-cost extension may be available if states, for good cause, were unable to spend

down their allocated funding dollars by the established deadline. At this time, Gloriana reports Iowa is on track to spend all allocated funds by the identified deadline.

- EJAS funding, from the recent Federal Omnibus Bill, provides states APS programs federal funding as a budgetary line item. Iowa received approximately \$133,000.

Gloriana reports working diligently to make Medicaid Administration Claiming a reality beginning in 2024 for Iowa's APS program. Approximately 60% of APS clients served are active Medicaid members.

A portion of the ARPA grant funds has been delegated to Iowa's AAA service providers, allowing for financial reimbursement, for specific services provided to APS clients.

- APS Regulation update
 - Iowa submitted their response to the proposed federal regulations. Once final regulations have been solidified and published, states have three (3) years to achieve compliance with those regulations. If you interested in those final regulations once published, you may reach out to Ben Little at blittle@dhs.state.ia.us.
- Departmental Updates
 - HHS- A Social Worker 4 position has recently post and will be supervised by APS Social Work Administrator, Tammi Winchester. A Legal Assistance Developer has been posted for the Office of Public Guardian and will be supervised by the APS Prevention and Protective Services Director, Gloriana Fisher.
 - DIA- Jamie (no updates)
 - IDA- Jennifer (no updates)
- Additional Announcements/Updates
 - Lila Starr- Discussed content and scheduling for Iowa's PASRR trainings. Understanding PASRR (Level 2) will be held December 19th. Standard PASRR trainings are offered every two weeks. You may click on the following link to register for the December 19th training. https://maximus.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LVCqfbkgTGiXA17Js8L54w
This training will provide specific information on how to:
 - Find PASRR identified services within the SOF.
 - Review the Level II Summary of Findings (SOF) prior to admission.
 - Understand the various areas of focus/information within the SOF.
 - Understand the role of the receiving/accepting nursing facility regarding the SOF.
 - Ensure delivery of all PASRR Identified Services.
 - Find Care Planning tools to facilitate compliance with care planning and service delivery.
 - Document that PASRR identified Services are being delivered.
 - Kim Downs/Cindy Reed- Iowa Caregivers received a grant to provide regions 'care sessions' for direct care workers. Continued work with DIAL around direct care worker credentials and continued advocacy for better wages provided to direct care workers.
- Adjourn

Next Meeting: Feb 16, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM via Zoo