

QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: 1/26/2024

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

In Attendance:

Appointed Members					
x	T. Clark	x	B. Easter (chair)	A. Gomez (vice chair)	x K. Grell
x	C. Lang	x	E. Lietsch	J. Shelton	x A. Smith
x	J. True	x	J. Torner	(open)	(open)
	(open)				
Ex Officio Members					
	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
Christy Kayser	Molina Healthcare of Iowa
June Klein-Bacon	Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa
Lizzy Weber	Iowa Total Care
Ben Grauer	UCEDD/Iowa BluePrint for Change
Kelly Strydon	UCEDD/Iowa BluePrint for Change
Tom Brown	Community

Agenda Topic	Action/Discussion
Roll Call	Easter called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. Ferguson took roll call and members of the public shared their name and organization in the chat. Quorum was established.

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Review agenda & Approval of October 2023	Easter discussed the agenda and shared she would include breaks at the top of each hour and break for lunch. Group agreed on 30 minutes for lunch. Time is included on the agenda prior to lunch and the end of the meeting for public comment.

meeting minutes	<p>Motion to approve October 2023 meeting minutes.</p> <p>Made by: True made a motion; Torner seconded.</p> <p>Discussion: None</p> <p><i>Motion carried; Minutes were approved</i></p>
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MCO LTSS representatives' update and Q&A	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Amerigroup</u>: No representation was present • <u>Iowa Total Care</u>: Weber was in attendance. She they have a team dedicated to transitioning individuals when facilities close including transition to nursing homes. Anticipating an increase provider rate and are working with providers and others to create new solutions for addressing the direct care shortages (e.g. training at community, alternative schedules or use of technology). • <u>Molina Healthcare of Iowa</u>: Kayser shared that they also have case managers assigned to nursing homes to get to know the members and the staff. They also have regular conversation with HHS to share information about trends they are seeing related to concerns so they can be more proactive in responses. Transitions for out of state members are supported by complex care team. Also shared a bit about what they are doing to address staff shortages and transitions out of facilities. 		
Action Item	Person/s Responsible	Deadline	
none			

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Brain Injury Services Program updates	<p>Ferguson and Pender submitted a written report and provided a verbal summary.</p> <p>Ferguson will send out information to council members about how to request to attend the annual brain injury conference</p> <p>Easter opened discussion regarding future agenda items. Ideas generated included: repetitive head injury, intersection of brain injury with other conditions, discuss more about how people get injured and use that information for raising awareness (e.g. helmets, domestic violence), systems for managing and tracking brain injury, discussion about how brain injury is called and classified.</p>		

Action Item	Person/s Responsible	Deadline
Send out email to Council members to gather information for interest in participating in the annual conference	Ferguson	After meeting
Send reminder to the Council members for suggestions related to agenda items, discussion or speakers for future meetings	Ferguson	Prior to April meeting

Agenda Topic	Action/Discussion
Public Comment	<p>Tom Brown asked if there were any updates related to restructure of commissions, councils, and boards. McComas stated that there haven't been any legislative requests come to HHS yet. HHS would be notified for because it will result in a statute change.</p> <p>Easter provided an update on work she is doing with other advocates nationally about repeated head injury.</p>

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Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa (BIAIA) Update	<p>Klein-Bacon provided written and verbal summary of program updates related to their contracts from Iowa Health and Human Services. She shared updates related to changes in personnel at BIA as well as upcoming and new projects.</p> <p>Council members asked various questions related to the updates as well as general questions about services provided by the BIAIA.</p>	
Action Item	Person/s Responsible	Deadline
none		

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Questions for State Agencies	<p><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, including hosting a focus group to find out more about work force issues.</p> <p><u>Department of Education</u> Walker was present but needed to leave the meeting prior to this point in the meeting. However, she submitted a written report.</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) – Medicaid:</u></p>

	<p>Moskowitz submitted written report and provided a verbal overview. Shared information about HHS dashboards found at Agency Dashboards Health & Human Services (iowa.gov) and showed the Medicaid dashboard and information about the brain injury waiver data.</p> <p><u>HHS –Public Health:</u> McComas provided a verbal update related to activities going on in the Bureau of Emergency, Medical and Trauma Services. Trauma and preparedness conference is currently being planned for 2024; this is a good opportunity for vendors to interact with attendees.</p> <p><u>HHS – Aging and Disability Services:</u> A written report was provided but representation wasn't able to be on the call today. Also submitted a document called Resources for Iowans.</p>
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Public Comment	<p>Easter opened the floor for public comment.</p> <p>Kelly Strydom and Ben Grauer, from University of Iowa's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), shared information about the Blueprint for Change. This is a project in collaboration with Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional information can be found https://ivrs.iowa.gov/welcome-ivrs/iowa-blueprint-change-dif-grant • Iowa Blueprint for Change Collective Meeting, March 20 1-3 pm To register: https://uiowa.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwodeutqz0sH9GbCGYSq2xGhdT8FCaTd0uz#/registration • Suggestions or feedback can be emailed to bgrauer@uiowa.edu and kelly-bumpus@uiowa.edu <p>Suggestion was made by McComas that future meetings move to 9am start time and conclude by 12:30pm, especially if the meeting is held via zoom. Action item: Ferguson to send out survey to council members if this will work.</p> <p>No additional public comment received.</p>

Motion to adjourn.

Made by: Lietsch; Clark seconded.

Motion carried through a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

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