# **Olmstead Advisory Committee Meeting**

# **March 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Department of Rehabilitation

721 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California

## **Committee Members Present:**

Brenda Premo

Patricia Blaisdell

Mareva Brown

Tamaran Cook

Barbara Hanna

Sunny Maden

Lydia Missaelides

Marty Omoto

Michelle Rousey

Timothy Schwab

Robert Taylor

Ed Walsh

Susan DeMorris

Barbara Hanna

Eileen Kunz

Peter Mendoza

Janie Whiteford

Kathleen Wilber

Evelyn Mattdox

## **State Staff Present:**

Michelle Baass (CHHS)

Kris Kent (CHHS)

Jim Knight (DDS)

Lora Connolly (CDA)

Evelyn Schaeffor (DHCS)

Will Lightbourne (DSS)

Elena Gomez (DOR)

Fariba Shahmirzadi (DOR)

Joe Xaiver (DOR)

Fran Muller (CDA)

Pat Leary (DSS)

Jim Knight (DDS)

## **Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Brenda Premo along with California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) Undersecretary Michelle Baass welcomed the group.

## **Agenda Item 2: Updates from the Health and Human Services Agency and Departments**

Undersecretary Baass thanked the Departments and the committee for serving persons with disabilities in California. She also relayed that the new Secretary, Dr. Mark Ghaly, will be starting in April, and once he is settled he will be briefed on this committee.

Department of Social Services (DSS) Pat Leary, provided an update role out of electronic visit verification (EVV). DSS is now having upcoming stakeholder meetings before they roll it out statewide for all feedback. DSS is trying to make it as accessible and user friendly as possible, as well as minimize disruptions. There are two meetings coming up at DSS, the first one beginning next Friday at 1:00pm for the telephonic system and the second on 4/5 at 1:00pm for the implementation timeline, which was decided based on stakeholder information. The deadline is 2020 to have this completely rolled out for the entire state. DSS also provided an update on CalFresh benefits to SSI recipients who were not previously eligible. The systems for setting up the new process are ongoing and will begin to apply in June, there are several hundred thousand additional expected. CDA, DOR, DDS, and CDPH are some of the state agencies who are partners.

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) provided updates on three waivers. DHCS is actively working with waiver agencies within the order at which the applications are received. Renewal included an additional 2,000 slots at a rate of 500 per month. Stakeholder meetings scheduled late May early June.

Department of Aging noted that it is applying for a three year $650,000 grant funding used to help dementia. They have begun their work for the DSS piece for SSI and are working on determining how CDA will assist.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is continuing on working closing the two remaining Developmental Centers, with 108 residents remaining. DDS also noted the continuing to work in enhancing DDS safety net. DDS discussed proposals in the Governor’s budget to increase the funding in the Regional Centers for case load and a proposal to develop community crisis homes that can serve children. DDS also discussed the rate study.

Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) discussed the state plan for independent living, the traumatic brain injury program, the ABLE act program, and the Promise project.

## **Agenda Item 3: Transition and Transition Document**

This Committee used this time to discuss items to be communicated to the new Agency Secretary via the Olmstead Transition Memo (OTM). Committee reviewed items in the OTM-Draft and brought all comments, questions and concerns to Assistant Secretary Kent and he acknowledged them and is going to work on the discussed items. AS Kent mentioned the survey information to the committee members and asked for anyone who had any questions or comments to bring those forward.

## **Agenda Item 4: Presentation: California Aging and Disability Alliance**

Presentation from California Aging and Disability Alliance (CADA) going over the budget proposal, LTSS system and Senate Bill 52. Handouts provided to all with background on each of the topics.

## **Agenda Item 5: Legislative Watch List**

Everyone was given a list of Olmsted Related Legislation to review for any questions, concerns and comments.

## **Agenda Item 6: Next Steps and Closing Comments**

The meeting adjourned.