

**Olmstead Advisory Committee Meeting
July 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Department of Rehabilitation
721 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California

Committee Members Present:

Patricia Blaisdell
Mareva Brown
Tamaran Cook
Barbara Hanna
Lydia Missaelides
Marty Omoto
Michelle Rousey
Jessica Rothhaar
Michael Humphrey
Eileen Kunz
Kate Wilber
Kathy Kelly

State Staff Present:

Mark Ghaly (CHHS)
Kris Kent (CHHS)
Marko Mijic (CHHS)
John Doyle (DDS)
Joe Xavier (DOR)
Kim McCoy Wade (CDA)
Kim Johnson (DSS)
Debbie Thomson (DSS)
Jim Knight (DDS)

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Kris Kent with California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) and Secretary Mark Ghaly welcomed the group.

Agenda Item 2: Discussion: Future of Olmstead Committee

Secretary Ghaly welcomed an open discussion to present and on the phone to discuss the future of Olmstead Committee.

Agenda Item 3: Updates from the Health and Human Services Agency and Departments

Secretary Ghaly thanked the Departments and the committee for serving persons with disabilities in California.

Department of Social Services (DSS) Kim Johnson, CalFresh expansion is fully implementing. They are working on social media campaigns and have a lot of work to do still but they are aware and continuing the process. Posting up to date information on the website to see all changes across the state. DSS, Debbie Thomson went over electronic visit verification updates, they are working on the 2021 good faith extension. They have been doing many public setting meetings to get feedback as well as small groups. Two phases currently happening. Currently 600,000 recipients and 500,000 providers. They have provided many demos and an online option as well as a telephonic option, July- Dec pilot, statewide roll out January 2020, working on schedule now with the counties to make sure it will work at a county level. LA County was the first and it is going well and very positive. Statewide help desk to assist folks with any concerns or questions that they have. They are providing webinars with about 400-500 people a week in attendance, handouts, notices set out, to help with any questions. Working on addressing issues with anyone not able to get access twice a month on a case by case basis, but they are aware and working on it and want to meet the needs.

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Jennifer Kent, she went over three new eligibility changes for DHCS that are all in process regarding budget decisions. Many funding options have been made available for DHCS. Also, DHCS is working with DSS on a family unification response system. They are announcing rolling out a fall stakeholder process for the 1915b waiver and 1115 waiver renewal. Returning the pharmacy benefit and meeting next week to discuss that.

Department of Aging, Kim McCoy Wade, had a good budget year. Aging and disability resource connection. Alzheimer's planning is well underway on track to have it implemented this fall, DOR and DSS received funding.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS), John Doyle mentioned as of Monday making progress on closures, keeping admissions low. Making progress on Starview lane, first part of 2020. One thing very beneficial is additional resources for acute crisis beds and acute. Supplemental rate increase that was received, there is funding available. Beginning January 1st expecting to receive approval from CMS for rate approval, total funding received as 25 million for the last 6 months of 2019. Along with the rate study the department also has language in the trailer bill that allows us to work

with stakeholder groups, initiating that process 7/31/2019, looking at some of the issues that need to be addressed and how to structure work groups and move task forward.

Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), Joe Xavier, next week is anniversary of the ADA. State plan for independent living which is required has to be amended by the silk, which is due by the end of this month, 7 areas being identified in the amendment. The Transition fund once approved will be 400,000. Traumatic brain injury front, funding restored to 1.2 million and the other thing is the sunset of 2024 removed from legislated so it is a permanent program. TBI meets on 8/6/19

Agenda Item 4: Presentation: Master Plan on Aging

CHHS, Marko Mijic, went over the administration's plan to the master plan on aging, went over the aggressive timeline, October 1, 2020. We plan to do it by thinking about it holistic perspective and what does aging look like. It is a combination of work with all. Governor has made this a priority and has heard the people loud and clear. Working on a cabinet level work group in the beginning. Felt it is important for a stakeholder advisory committee, they have received many nominations and are looking through all of them to assure they have a great group of leaders, intent is to pull together a 30 member group and has providers, consumers and caregivers etc. As for the actual plan, few pieces, one is to think about best practices across the state, creating a playbook for local communities to be an age friendly place, equip folks with the tools of what that means, and what it really means, what the needs really are and how we should move forward. Thinking about ways in which we can bring these programs together. Last piece thinking about concrete metrics, important for the group to come together for what they need to measure and how to track the progress. Partnering with many to all come together for an understanding. This is going to be a blue print for all of us, not just a government thing, it is about all of us. A number of the programs that we have primarily serve low income seniors. The hope is we rethink what the Department of Aging looks like. Goal within next couple weeks that the Secretary will announce who will be helping. All comments were welcomed.

Comments from the public: Jeff Tartagea, the community will be much bigger and to think really about The Master Plan of Aging.

Agenda Item 5: Legislative Update

Everyone was given a Legislation update to review for any questions, concerns and comments.

Agenda Item 6: Next Steps and Closing Comments

The meeting adjourned.