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|  Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee (IDDAC) Wednesday, February 12th, 2025, 10:30am-12:30pmVirtual Via Microsoft Teams Recorder: Sherry Miotke |
| **Attendees:** [x]  Kathy Schnebly, Chair [x]  Michelle Silbernagel, Co-Chair [x]  Daniel Atsbaha [x]  Deborah Stoyer [x]  Beth Hill [x]  Mariah Boyd [ ]  Jennifer Rowan [x]  Melissa Phillips**Staff:** [x]  Karin Perkins [x]  Carly Lair [x]  Patty Pickett-Cooper [x]  Sherry Miotke (R) **Guests:**  [ ]  Serenia Dotson [ ]  David Beem [x]  Rebecca Hill [x]  Nancy Stueber [x]  Dan Stueber |
| **Agenda Item** | **Notes** |
| **Order of Business** | Meeting was called to order. Kathy requests a motion to approve the minutes from September 11th, 2024. Mariah moves to approve, Melissa seconds. All in favor. Minutes approved. |
| **Action Items** | **Meeting Options:** Kathy asks if anyone has a preference on how best to attend the IDDAC meetings. Deb shares that she would prefer virtual and Rebecca shares that she would prefer virtual but could do in person once a year. Kathy recommends sending out a survey to collect everyone’s preferences. Sherry will send out a questionnaire to everyone.**Members:** Kathy asks to have Kimberly removed from the email invites since she’s unable to attend and shares the need for another self-advocate to join IDDAC.  |
| **Program and Committee Updates** (particularly as it relates to IDD Strategic Plan)**Program and Committee Updates** (particularly as it relates to IDD Strategic Plan) | **New Staff:** Karin shares that there has been an IDD Division Director added to the Health and Human Services Department that hasn’t been recruited for yet. Karin shares that they have added 2 part-time positions for individuals with lived IDD experience. Both positions have been filled, and they’ve been with DD Processing for about 3 weeks now. Carly shares that 2 additional DDA2 positions have been approved. They are adding a position to the Adult In-Home team due to where their caseloads are currently and will only be increasing. Carly shares that the Children’s team will be full in a couple of weeks and so they will be holding off on recruiting for the second added position to see what happens with new-to-service assignments.**ONA and Pre-ISP Process:** Carly shares that since 2017 there hasn’t been an opportunity to reduce any hours for in-home services. She shares the lawsuit has been dropped and ONA will be setting the in-home hour rates starting April 1st which is a big change for both the SC’s as well as individuals and families with in-home services. Carly shares that they are doing training within Case Management, getting prepared for all the insurance ins and outs, notification letters that will need to go out, preparing to submit any needed exception requests for anticipated reductions in hours. Kathy asks if everyone is doing it or if it’s just based on what their needs are at the time. Carly shares that it depends on what the ONA service group level is for the person compared to what the previous adult or child’s needs assessment hours are. She shares they’ve been getting lists for at least the last year from the state of what the state sees as the current ONA service group and what highest level of adult or child’s need assessment is. She shares it’s being rolled out as plans renew staring 4/1 unless there’s a change in ONA that happens and there’s a change in hours. Michelle asks with children, if their ISP is held in May, when would the new hours go into effect. Karin shares they do have to complete a NOPA and it can’t be less than 10 days’ notice of the decrease so the change won’t go into effect until the start date of the ISP. Michelle asks with children, are they in the process of doing the ONA’s several months before the ISP. Carly shares that ONA’s (both for children and adults) are typically done the month before they’re showing as expiring. They’ve trained the SC team to look at the ONA at least 60 days in advance for accuracy of current and reflective support needs prior to submitting any potential exceptions. Michelle shares that she’s been told repeatedly that she has to attend ONA’s at least 2 to 3 months prior to an ISP and that case managers are wanting to do the pre-ISP and RIT at the meeting too. She shares this could lead to some inaccuracies and a huge burden on the providers. Karin shares that the 2 to 3 months before the ISP gets challenging since they are trying to do the ONA’s the month before the month they expire which doesn’t always line up with the ISP. It makes sense to do them in tandem or very close together but sometimes there’s a change in need mid-year having them do the ONA sooner than the ISP. Karin shares that each time they do an ONA they should be reviewing the ISP, RIT and PCI to make sure everything is in place to match the current support needs. Carly adds that if there are no changes, some SCs are making the choice to staff it with their supervisor to get approval to do an SC ONA review the month before the ISP is due to align the ONA with the ISP itself. 6 months before the ISP should not be considered a pre-ISP meeting. Michelle shares that what’s being said in the field is that it’s a policy rather than a choice. Karin shares that it’s good feedback to share with their teams. No ONA and ISP should be done at the same time unless there’s an exception due to cancellations or the individual or parent guardian requesting to condense the meetings all in one. Kathy asks if the ISP date can be changed. Karin shares that there’s only one circumstance that the ISP date can be changed and that’s when the services change significantly. Daniel asks if there are any thoughts about substituting the ONA for the SNAP for adult foster care homes. Carly shares that there are still no talk about ONA setting the rates for foster care settings.  |
| **Other Business** (i.e. Legislation, data, other member updates)**Other Business** (i.e. Legislation, data, other member updates) | **ARPA Grant:** Karin shares that they are almost done.She shares they had until March 1st to spend the allocation of funding for emergency preparedness. Karin shares that they did a couple of phases. Phase 1 was distributing over 1,750 emergency kits and food supplies to enrolled individuals. Phase 2 is for generators and power stations. Karin shares that there was an overwhelming response, but after determining which ones would be approved (by need), they approved approximately 220 individuals. Overall, last year they put somewhere around $673,000 in preparedness into the community. Karin shares that the order has been made for the generators and power stations so they should be shipping soon. She shares that the SC team has been informed that for individuals who applied for the generator but did not get one, have a significant medical need, and belong to Pacific Source, they would be able to get one through Pacific Source. Carly shares there was a recent change from ODDS with an allowance with the Assisted Device Technology and Specialized Medical Supply Worker guide that when people live in areas that are prone to emergencies, such as areas that experience floods every spring, or areas that experience smoke or wildfires every summer, they may be eligible to receive items to assist in pre planning for an emergency such as backup power sources such as gasoline or lithium generators, power inverter, rechargeable batteries and backup battery packs would be funded if the following criteria is met: * The person lives in an area that's prone to those emergency events.
* The backup item being requested pertains to medical equipment not covered under the state plan.
* Items being requested are not covered by the person's OHP or other medical insurance.

**Legislative Updates:** Karin shares that the legislative session is still early in the process. There hasn’t been any significant movement on any of the bills being tracked such as requests for additional case management funding, the 427 repeal, and the right to repair. Rebecca shares the link for the GO! Project newsletter: [GO! Project | Oregon DD Coalition](https://orddcoalition.org/go-project/). The newsletter comes out once a week primarily during legislative session and gives updates on priorities for people in the DD community. Rebecca shares that there was going to be GO (Grassroots Oregon) Advocacy Day’s tomorrow at the state library, however it's been cancelled due to the weather. There are plans for virtual advocacy days that you can register for. Rebecca shares that there will be another GO Advocacy Day again in March.**Deaf Advocacy:** Mary (guest) shares their interest in deafness advocacy. She shares there are many deaf people in Marion County and the need for services is great. Mary shares that she is a guardian for Stephanie who is deaf and developmentally challenged and has been in Marion County and the system for many years, and the need for more deaf providers. They moved their person from Marion County to Polk County where they were able to get a deaf provider. Mary shares if there is a way to help advocate for, recruit or train more deaf providers, they would love to know how they could help. Stephanie was in an ASL fluent home, then the provider sold the business leaving her living with someone who was not fluent. Mary shares that even though the provider kept telling them that they were recruiting someone with sign language skills and that she was going to be in the deaf community and able to interact, none of it happened. She shares she would also want to advocate for the priority of Case Managers who are deaf or fluent in ASL and understand the uniqueness of deaf culture. They had bad experiences with interpreters not showing up or Linguava not having enough interpreters, so meetings got cancelled or there was no interpreter at the meeting. Mary shares that their best experience was when there was an ASL interpreter interpreting to the hearing, and a CDI interpreter interpreting with the person who's deaf. Where Stephanie is now in a deaf adult foster home in Polk County and thriving, there are many others that aren’t able to enjoy those basic needs. Michelle shares that sometimes they’re the only deaf person having no access to deaf culture or events and recommends one Case Manager that would become more familiar with deaf culture and scheduling interpreters. Someone more specialized that could build those relationships with the interpreters to help reduce the cancellations. Karin shares the struggle over the last year with finding interpreters and will continue to look at having a SC that is fluent in ASL. Michelle shares her issues with trying to get an ASL interpreter through a state agency when they can’t find one due to a shortage but have been able to get one on short notice through a local interpreter business. Karin shares that language access in general is a challenge with interpreters that have been booked weeks in advance, then the night before being told they don’t have anyone to send. Marion County has specific contracts with specific providers, so they are unable to use just anyone who is certified and qualified. Michelle suggests a small training group for the Case Managers who work with deaf individuals. She shares that CDI (Certified Deaf Interpreter) know deaf culture so maybe it starts with a 90-minute training on deaf culture, CDI’s, interpreters and how to meet those needs. Dan shares that Bridges advocates for the deaf and recommends that they may be a good resource. Carly shares that they tried to get them into the RSP process but couldn’t get the required actions this time around.**IDD Awareness Month:** Karin shares that the proclamation to the commissions is on March 12th. One of the new OS1 employees with lived IDD experience is excited to share her employment journey at the proclamation. Daniel shares that he is working to bring IDD awareness and early intervention to the Ethiopian community and has talked with the community leadership about having a zoom meeting to help inform people. Karin shares that if Daniel would like, they would be happy to have Eligibility come and share information.**Supports & Services Fair:** Sherry asks for anyone available to volunteer for the IDDAC table and will send out a schedule of times to everyone. Karin shares that everything is going smoothly with the planning and that there are 50 vendors signed up, the flyer is being circulated, and they are doing social media posts. They are partnering with ISN and RCO brokerage who are advertising on their social media as well.  |
| **Good of Order** | The group discusses agenda items for the next meeting. Kathy requests a motion to adjourn, Michelle moves and Deb seconds. The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm. |
| **RESPONSIBLE PARTY** | **ACTION ITEMS** |
|  | Meeting In Person (survey results)ARPA UpdateLegislative UpdateIDD Awareness Month Supports & Service Fair |

**Next Meeting:**

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