



Olmstead Planning Status Report: January 2023

The following activities took place during **January** in support of the ADSD Olmstead planning project.

ADSD Olmstead Planning Project Study Session

On **January 3, 2023**, ADSD in conjunction with SEI hosted a study session. The event was meant to offer an overview of the Olmstead decision, how the decision impacts ADSD and an outline of the process being used to establish an Olmstead Plan specific to ADSD. A total of 89 individuals participated in the study session.

ADSD Olmstead Planning Steering Committee Meeting


On **January 18, 2023** the Steering Committee met to support the planning process. While the meeting recording and transcript can be found on the ADSD Olmstead Planning webpage, the following information is being provided as a high level summary of decisions made and issues to keep track of in support of the development of the ADSD Olmstead Plan.

Decisions Made and Direction Provided: The Steering Committee made the following decisions during the meeting in support of moving the planning process forward:

- **Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles:** The Steering Committee had a lengthy discussion about the use of and value of the overarching DHHS vision, mission and guiding principles as the lense with which to make decisions for the Olmstead Plan. While these cannot be changed (because they serve the whole Nevada Department of Health and Human Services) Steering Committee requested addition of context to be added that recognizes the the need for cross-coordination and direted funding as core values necessary for successful implementation of the ADSD Olmstead Plan. Additionally, it was requested that the plan would need to align its efforts with the Center for Medicaid Services Home and Community Based Services Settings Rule.
- **Review of Qualitative Data to be Collected:** The Steering Committee made recommendations on what organizations/people should be interviewed as a component of the planning process. Additionally, they finalized the locations where community workshops would take place. It was determined that the community workshops be offered in Reno, Fallon, Winnemucca, Elko, Pahrump, and Las Vegas. It was also determined that two virtual workshops would take place to allow PLEs who are homebound or who cannot attend an event in person be offered the opportunity to provide input. Lastly, the Steerinf Committee reviewed the areas of exploration for community workshops, making some adjustments and finalizing.

Olmstead Plan Content Reviewed, Modified and/or Approved: The following sections of the ADSD Olmstead Plan were reviewed by the Steering Committee:

- **Setting the Stage:** The Background, Purpose of the Plan and Methods subsections content found within the “Setting the Stage” section of the ADSD Olmstead Plan were reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee with no suggested modifications.

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- **Having a Strategic Orientation:** The Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles were reviewed and modifications were suggested as detailed prior in this status report.
 - **Understanding the Current Reality:** The introduction to this section of the ADSD Olmstead Plan was reviewed and modifications were requested so that the graphic contained in this section of the plan represented individuals that not only access ADSD services, but also those that could benefit from supports, but who are not currently being served.

Items Requiring Follow-up: The following issues require follow-up as a result of discussion at the Steering Committee meeting:

- **Cost comparisons between home and community-based care and institutional care:** There was discussion amongst the Steering Committee about the usefulness of cost comparisons between home and community-based care and institutional care. Because institutional care includes costs such as rent, food and primary care/pharmaceuticals, the direct comparison is not appropriate. SEI will work with Chuck Duarte and the Office of Analytics to see if there is any cost comparison available that has value for decision making purposes.

Ideas, Concepts and Other Issues to Keep Track of: The following ideas, concepts and issues were identified during the Steering Committee meeting that will be tracked and incorporated into future discussion and decision making:

- **Specific Conditions to be served by Olmstead Plan:** There was a request made that the ADSD Olmstead Plan specifically outline the variety of conditions that would be served by the Olmstead Plan.

Upcoming Efforts

Upcoming activities that will take place in support of the ADSD Olmstead Planning project are summarized below.

- Finalize schedule for all remaining Steering Committee meetings
- Schedule and conduct key person interviews
- Schedule and conduct community workshops
- Collect additional information from ADSD/Medicaid regarding individuals served and services provided.

Additional Information

For more detailed information about the ADSD Olmstead Planning Steering Committee meetings and progress made to date, please go to the following webpage: <https://socialent.com/resources/adsd-olmstead-planning-process/>

ADSD Olmstead Planning Timeline

NOVEMBER 2022

- Collect initial service system descriptions and contact information for Core Team and Steering Committee members
- Establish Olmstead Plan report template
- Schedule, plan, and facilitate Core Team and Steering Committee kick-off meetings

DECEMBER 2022

- Gather data about the number of individuals with a disability and/or functional limitation in the state of Nevada
- Develop webpage to host all documents and steering committee meetings as well as serve as a mechanism for ongoing public input
- Meet with ADSD to understand status of 2016 plan components and considerations
- Plan and outreach for study session on the Olmstead Decision and ADSD scope of authority for Steering Committee members and other interested individuals
- Document “Setting the Stage” section of Olmstead Plan

JANUARY 2023

- Gather ADSD service system data to understand what home and community-based services are offered and how many people access those services. Also collect data on the number of people served in congregate care settings.
- Host study session on the Olmstead decision and ADSD scope of authority for Steering Committee members and other Interested individuals
- Finalize approach to data collection with key person(s) engagement
- Document “Having a Strategic Orientation” section of Olmstead Plan
- Schedule, plan, and facilitate Steering Committee meeting: Review/revise vision, and guiding principles, finalize approach to key person interviews and consumer workshops
- Coordinate logistics for consumer workshops

FEBRUARY 2023

- Continue gathering ADSD service system data, reaching out to the Nevada State office of Analytics for support
- Core Team and Steering Committee to conduct outreach for consumer workshop participation
- Finalize list of key people to interview (20 interviews to take place)
- Facilitate consumer workshops in Reno, Fallon, Winnemucca, Elko, Mesquite, Pahrump
- Document portions of “Understanding the Current Reality” section of Olmstead Plan

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MARCH 2023

- Facilitate consumer workshops in Las Vegas as well as two virtual workshops
- Schedule/conduct key person interviews (20 interviews to take place)
- Analyze and document ADSD service system descriptions and data on people served
- Summarize consumer workshop information collected
- Schedule, plan, and facilitate Steering Committee meeting: Review ADSD service systems descriptions, consumer workshop information and status of efforts taken regarding 2016 DHHS Olmstead Plan

APRIL 2023

- Summarize key person interview data
- Analyze and summarize all data (state systems info, consumer workshops, key person inputs and efforts taken since previous Olmstead Plan development) collected to understand the current situation facing individuals with a disability and their options for living in a setting of their choice
- Schedule, plan, and facilitate Steering Committee meeting: Review and modify ADSD Service Systems Description” and “Assets and Gaps in Care” section of Olmstead Plan. Review and discuss status of efforts taken regarding 2016 Olmstead Plan

MAY 2023

- Draft critical issues based on gaps in care identified by Steering Committee
- Meet with ADSD Core Team to ensure critical issues drafted can be addressed within ADSD authority
- Schedule, plan, and facilitate Steering Committee meeting: Draft critical issues that should be addressed within Olmstead Plan

JUNE 2023

- Document “Critical Issues” section of Olmstead Plan
- Research best practices and other state approaches to critical issues identified
- Schedule, plan, and facilitate Steering Committee meeting: Finalize critical issues and draft goals, objectives and strategies to address them.
- Draft components of “A Plan for the Future” section of Olmstead Plan

JULY 2023

- Schedule, plan, and facilitate Steering Committee meeting: Finalize goals, objectives and strategies that address critical issues as well as timing of efforts
- Finalize “A Plan for the Future” section of Olmstead Plan

ADSD Olmstead Planning Timeline

AUGUST 2023

- Schedule, plan, and facilitate Steering Committee meeting: Establish accountability framework for Olmstead Plan
- Document Being “Accountable for Change” section of Olmstead Plan as well as all other remaining components of Plan (methods, executive summary, appendix)

SEPTEMBER 2023

- Schedule, plan, and facilitate Steering Committee meeting: Review complete draft of Olmstead Plan
- Finalize draft plan and publicly distribute
- Schedule and plan for public presentations of draft plan

OCTOBER 2023

- Conduct presentations/public input sessions for Olmstead Plan
- Summarize public comments
- Schedule, plan, and facilitate Steering Committee meeting: Present public comments and identify modifications to plan
- Finalize Olmstead Plan and distribute to ADSD and Steering Committee