

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2020

Members Present: Judy Dowd, Marcia Eckerd, Bill Halsey, Andrew Komarow, Julie McKenna - representing Mickey Kramer, Jimnahs Miller, Donyale Pina, Yana Razumnaya, Lynn Ricci, Marissa Rivera, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Kari Sassu, Tammy Venenga, Julie Wolf

Members Absent: Jennifer Abbatemarco, Representative Cathy Abercrombie, Jill Caron, Melissa Gagne, Ann Gionet, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Jim Loomis, Kathy Marchione, Aileen McKenna, Doriana Vicedomini

Others: Amy Dumont

Call to Order: 10:05am

Welcome and Introduction by Bill Halsey and Yana Razumnaya

Public Comments:

- Andrew discussed concerns about Connecticut among 45 other states' hospitals denying transplants to individuals with autism. Proposed that Connecticut make it a law prohibiting this denial. Recommended that the ASDAC view the Autistic Self Advocacy Network's webpage and People with Disabilities: A Toolkit for State Advocate.

Review and Approval of November 20, 2019 meeting minutes

- Minutes reviewed and approved.

ASD Lifespan Center of Excellence Draft Concept Proposal by Bill Halsey

- Training Center
- Resource Center
- Grant Application Center
- Consultation Center
- Entity, Project Director

ASD Lifespan Waiver Update by Amy Dumont

Autism Lifespan Waiver Fast Facts as of January 15, 2020 (see attached handout)

- Number of individuals presently being served: 114
- Waiver is expected to expand by 10 slots per year over the next 3 years.
- Number on Waitlist: 1601
- Number of Providers Enrolled: 55

Schedule ASDAC Meeting Dates

- It was decided to schedule monthly ASDAC meetings alternating public meetings at the LOB and ad hoc meetings at DSS
- Lisa to coordinate scheduling meeting with Heather Ferguson-Hall, Legislative Aide to Representative Abercrombie

Discussion:

To Do:

- Bill Halsey will send out email to Council regarding December ad hoc meeting to discuss

Adjournment: 11:06am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 10:00am**

Legislative Office Building
Room 2B