

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2023

(Virtual Meeting)

Members Present: Jennifer Abbatemarco, Stephen Byers, Judy Dowd, Michael Olesen representing Amy Dumont, Ann Gionet, Julie McKenna, Kathy Marchione, Jimnahs Miller, Donyale Pina, Yana Razumnaya, Koleen Kerski, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Kari Sassu, Julie Wolf

Members Missing: Representative Tammy Exum, Marcia Eckerd, Melissa Gagne, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Andrew Komarow, Krista Ostaszewski, Sarah Schlegel, Lynn Ricci, Doriana Vicedomini

Others: Jennifer Krom

Call to Order: 10:00am

Welcome and Roll Call

Approval of 7/19/2023 Meeting Minutes.

Public Comments:

- Ada Abril questioned if DSS will submit pay parent. Was answered yes as long as they are not the conservator.

Discussion by Yana Razumnaya

Supportive Housing:

- Collecting Information
- Meeting on the 13th with committee
- Lois, Stephen, Judy
- Looking for more volunteers to join sub-committee.
- Jimnahs to send Lois and Stephen contact info for parent who would like to join sub-committee.

Provider Opening Applicants

- Nominating Committee Recommendation for 2 candidates for open position, "Licensed professional working in the field of ASD" with 3 criteria:

- Time Commitment
- Actively Clinical Provider
- Understanding of ASD Lifespan Waiver
- Felicia Morgan
- Melissa Hoon
- Council members will be sent background info on both candidates. Each Council member will reply by email to Lisa Bonetti to cast their vote.

Carelon update by Jennifer Krom

- September 2023 Data Review
- Open ASD Medicaid Authorizations as of 10/1/2023
- Active Medicaid Authorizations by Service
- ASD Medicaid Youth Monthly Admissions as of 10/1/2023
- ASD Medicaid Youth Demographics as of 10/1/2023
- ASD Provider Enrollments as of 10/1/2023
- Carelon ASD Care Coordination and Pier Specialist Activity Referral Statuses as of 9/11/2023

Center of Excellence Update:

- No update

Autism Waiver Update by Michael Olesen for Amy Dumont:

- 2034 individuals on the waitlist
- 320 assigned cases
- 3 Case Manager positions will be posted.
- Currently 8 Case Managers with under 40 cases per Case Manager

Quality and Outcome Data Collection

New Business:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: November 15, 2023