

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2019

Members Present: Bill Halsey, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Jim Loomis, Shelly Maynes representing Judy Dowd, Kathy Marchione, Aileen McKenna, Jimnahs Miller, John Pelegano, Donyale Pina, Yana Razumnaya, Lynn Ricci, Nikki Richer, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, , Doriana Vicedomini

Members Absent: Representative Cathy Abercrombie, Jill Caron, Marcia Eckerd, Melissa Gagne, Ann Gionet, Mickey Kramer, Judy Dowd, Siobhan Morgan, Kari Sassu

Others Present: Amy Dumont

Call to Order: 10:04am

Welcome and Introduction by Bill Halsey

Public Comments:

- Andrew Arboe – provided suggestion for future presentation (Drivers work) also shared updates on personal accolades, accomplishments.
- Doris Maldonada – expressed concerns of underserved population, accessibility of resources to individuals without internet access, outreach, cultural competency issue
- Monica Hadden, parent of 13 year-old child with autism expressed concern for high functioning children at high risk

Review and Approval of 11/21/2018 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve by Doriana Vicedomini and seconded by Lynn Ricci.

Hubs/Centers of Excellence by Jimnahs Miller

Members include: Jimnahs Miller (Chair), Nikki Richer, Doriana Vicedomini, Donyale Pina, Aileen McKenna, Lois Rosenwald, Ann Gionet)

- Specific Goal: To improve connections and resources for families and persons with autism across lifespan.
- Phase 1: Identify existing lists of Connecticut providers and resources for person with autism to access services across their lifespan, regardless of insurance coverage.
- Phase 2: Compile comprehensive database consisting of the following disparate resources:
 - ASRC Guidebook
 - List of Connecticut licensed providers.
 - Medicaid Provider List
 - INFOLINE 211

Training:

Members include: Kari Sassu (Chair), Marcia Eckerd

- Bill Halsey requesting update from members
- Bryan Klimkiewicz joining committee

Outcomes and Data:

Members include: Bill Halsey (Chair), Chris Bory, Amy Dumont, Jim Loomis, Mickey Kramer, John Pelegano, Lynn Ricci, Jennifer Krom, Kathy Marchione

- Domain 1: Utilization data
- Domain 2: Screening/Early Identification
- Domain 3: Education
- Domain 4: Transition to Adult
- Domain 5: Employment

ASD Lifespan Waiver Update by Amy Dumont: (new standing agenda item)

- Upon closure of 2018 – 104 individuals enrolled on Lifespan Waiver
- Michael Blaszkowski reviewed 17 applications
- 11 additional individuals enrolled (2 VSP, 2 MFP, 7 waitlist)
- 1408 individuals remaining on waitlist

Housing for Adults – IDASH update:

- Bill Halsey will follow up with Steve D to get updates via meeting at DSS 1/31/2019 and future meeting.

Discussion:**Meeting with Commissioner Bremby:**

- Bill Halsey requested dates from Commissioner and will follow up with Council Members attending

Follow up:

- Statutory Language
- Meeting with Commissioner – awaiting dates
- Training update
- Development and behavioral health screening utilization data
- Suffield School System response
- Bill Halsey to email council vacancies
- ASDAC attendance review
- ASD Lifespan Waiver – ongoing updates
- Meeting on Tri-Chair

Other Business:

- April 17, 2019 – Autism Awareness Day

- Yana to email “Health Relationships” flyer.

Adjournment: 11:58am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, March 20th at 10:00am**

Legislative Office Building
Room 2A