

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2019

Members Present: Representative Cathy Abercrombie, Shelly Maynes (representing OPM – Judy Dowd), Marcia Eckerd, Ann Gionet, Bill Halsey, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Julie McKenna (representing OCA – Mickey Kramer), Jim Loomis, Kathy Marchione, representative for Office of Early Childhood for Aileen McKenna, Jimnahs Miller, Donyale Pina, Yana Razumnaya, Lynn Ricci, Nikki Richer, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Kari Sassu, Doriana Vicedomini

Members Absent: Jill Carol, Melissa Gagne, Siobhan Morgan, John Pelegano

Others Present: Amy Dumont

Call to Order: 10:00am

Welcome and Introduction by Bill Halsey

Public Comments:

- Carol Barons – Isolation concern, networking with families, brainstorming, problem-solving, advocacy and organizations.

Review and Approval of 1/16/2019 Meeting Minutes: Minutes to be revised to discuss attendance of Council Members

ASD Waiver Update by Amy Dumont:

- Autism Lifespan Waiver renewed beginning of 1/1/2019 for 5 years
- Number of individuals presently being served by waiver – 104
- Waiver is expected to expand by 10 slots per year over the next 5 years
- Number of individuals placed onto the waiver in 2018: 13
- Number of individuals who came off the waiver in 2019: 3
- Number on Waitlist as of 3/19/2019: 1451
- Average cost per individual: \$23,219
- Number of Providers Enrolled: 51
- Average caseload for DSS Case Managers: 35

ASD State Plan Services Update:

- Jennifer Krom – Beacon Health Options discussed Husky A, C, and D.
- 276 Individual Diagnostic
- Average 2 week wait for evaluation for small providers – longer for agencies
- 285 Individual Providers
- 105 Agencies
- Providers listed on Beacon website

- Jennifer explained the process to Council – chart reviews, monitoring providers

Sub-committee Reports:

Outcomes and Data:

- Beacon to run data for June meeting
- Are Individuals improving level of functioning
- Preliminary data for children
- Rate of hospitalizations
- Children connecting to care

Resources:

- Deliverables
- 211 Infoline
- Discussed inviting Yana, Carol Barans, Christina Meehan to sub-committee
- Next Phase: Identify focus groups, problem statements, work on directories

Training: (Kari Sassu)

- Lynn Ricci will ask if John Molteni would like to join committee
- Bryan agreed to join committee
- Would like to recruit others join committee
- Gain Members
- Identify Individuals who are trainers
- Would like to see if someone else can chair committee
- Intensive self training

Meeting with Deputy Commissioner Kathleen Brennan;

- Discussed ASD Waiver – priority access, adding slots, housing wraps, staffing
- Commissioner was willing to listen and interested in how to move forward
- Is it time for strategic planning session for Council?
- Positive meeting

Contract Update:

May Meeting Conflicts: Sending out dates to reschedule

Other Business:

- Amy Dumont working with UCONN – Universal Assessments
- Evidence based assessment
- Currently no standardized tools across the country
- Discussed inviting new Commissioner to ASDAC meeting

- Suffield - 5/1/2019 start date???
- Permission to contact through 6/30/2019
- Put in OPM submission
- May conflicts
- Autism Awareness Day - April 17, 2019

To do:

- State Plan Credentialing Process
- Waiver providers that provide Social Skills
- Reschedule May ASDAC due to conflicts

Adjournment: 11:56am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, June 12th at 10:00am**

Legislative Office Building
Room 2A

