

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2021
(Virtual Meeting)

Members Present: Jennifer Abbatemarco, Judy Dowd, Amy Dumont, Marcia Eckerd, Melissa Gagne, Ann Gionet, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Andrew Komarow, Mickey Kramer, Jim Loomis, Kathy Marchione, Jimnahs Miller, Donyale Pina, Lynn Ricci, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Kari Sassu, Doriana Vicedomini

Members Absent: Representative Cathy Abercrombie, Stephen Byers, Jill Caron, Koleen Kerski, Jimnahs Miller, Yana Razumnaya, Lois Rosenwald, DDS, Julie Wolf

Others: Shelly Maynes, Jennifer Krom

Call to Order: 10:03am

Welcome and Roll Call

Motion to approve May 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes was approved by Doriana Vicedomini and seconded by Lynn Ricci

Procurement/RFP update by Bill Halsey

- Request for Proposals (RFP) – Web-based resource site including resources available (Hub)
- ASD service system assessment
- Housing assessment
- Maintaining resource site, consultation center, training center for professional staff and parents
- Goal is to hand over completed product package to Amy Dumont within the next week
- Amy will provide update in the September meeting
- Questions arose regarding monies still available in the budget
- Per Judy Dowd and Shelly Maynes - \$500,000.00 in general funds per year
- Amy Dumont will be the contact person going forward
- Hiring a consultant was suggested

State Plan Update by Jennifer Krom (see attached presentation)

- Medicaid Funded Services for Individuals with an Autism Spectrum Diagnosis
- July 2021 Data Review and Trends
- Medicaid ASD Services Authorized by Beacon Health Options
- Medicaid Covered Services
 - Diagnostic Evaluation
 - Behavior Assessment
 - Treatment Plan Development
 - Program Book Development
 - Direct Intervention
 - Group Intervention
 - Observation & Direction
- ASD Medicaid Open Authorizations as of 07/01/2021
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- ASD Medicaid Youth Monthly Admissions as of 07/01/2021 Report
- ASD Medicaid youth Demographics as of 07/01/2021
- ASD Provider Enrollment as of 07/01/2021
- Provider and Members Location
- Beacon ASD Care Coordination & Peer Specialist Supports
- ASD Care Coordination and Peer Specialist Activity
- How to Access Services or Supports

ASD Waiver Update by Amy Dumont:

- 1087 individuals on the autism waitlist
- 124 clients currently receiving services
- Allocated 50 slots to take individuals off the waiting list
- Amy requested 2 additional Case Manager positions
- Kathy Bruni has been replaced by Jennifer Cavallaro as the Director of Community Options. Jennifer will introduce herself at the next meeting

Other Business:

- Lynn Ricci shared that the Hospital for Special Care's Autism Program was acknowledged by the Stamford University Center for Research Excellence as one of the top 4 autism programs in the country. Will send the journal article to Lisa Bonetti to share with the Council.
- Bryan Klimkiewicz provided Department of Education update
- Questions about ASDAC vacancies

To Do:

- Amy Dumont asked Bryan Klimkiewicz to present at a future ASDAC meeting
- Lisa Bonetti will send out email to Council regarding sub-group/ad hoc group
- Amy Dumont will receive RFP
- Amy requested ideas/suggestions for future meetings

Adjournment: 11:18am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 10:00am**