

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022
(Virtual Meeting)

Members Present: Jennifer Abbatemarco, Representative Abercrombie, Stephen Byers, Jill Caron, Judy Dowd, Amy Dumont, Marcia Eckerd, Melissa Gagne, Koleen Kerski, Dori Papa-Santini representing Bryan Klimkiewicz, Mickey Kramer, Andrew Komarow, Jim Loomis, Kathy Marchione, Jimnahs Miller, Donyale Pina, Yana Razumnaya, Lynn Ricci, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Kari Sassu, Dorian Vicedomini, Julie Wolf

Members Absent: Jill Caron, DDS Representative, Melissa Gagne, Ann Gionet

Others:

Call to Order: 10:02am

Welcome and Roll Call

December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved

Amy discussed survey monkey results/input

- Meeting times will continue to resume at 10:00am
- Housing issues
- Supportive employment issues
- Amy will discuss with fiscal department
- Clinical reviews comments
- Trainings
- Amy will follow-up on trainings. Recommendation to provide training for individuals participating on waiver. Suggestions for workshops with speakers discussing topics of interest to individuals on the waiver.
- Discussed surveying individuals and families on waiver regarding workshops. What are they looking for, such as healthy relationships, sexuality, social skills, advocacy educational forums?
- Job skills, computer skills

Provider Issues/Updates:

- Provider enrollment is still a struggle. Two new providers, Abilis and Lighthouse are currently in the enrollment process.

Waiver Updates

- 1949 currently on the waitlist
- 136 individuals currently enrolled on the DSS Autism Lifespan Waiver
- Case Manager positions – over 600 applications received, hoping to set up interviews in the next week or two and hire by March
- Autism staff is reviewing individuals on the waitlist for 50 individuals to come off the waitlist. Financial eligibility for Medicaid is a big factor.
- Prioritizing waitlist was suggested. Waitlist is by application date as it's unfair to determine one individual's needs over another.
- Lois suggested setting up a committee to research prioritizing waitlist
- Representative Abercrombie suggested waiting for the next waiver renewal for making any changes as this should not be rushed.
- Paul Chase assists with Medicaid Waiver issues

Housing

- Housing Committee Meeting will be held on 1/20/22

Procurement Update

- In contract department
- Corrections to be made

To Do:

- Amy will provide input regarding surveying individuals on the waiver
- Provider update on Case Manager positions and individuals to come off the waitlist
- Send out waiver document to ASDAC and set up ad hoc meeting to review in February. Amy will send out map of renewal process and set up an ad hoc meeting in February. Lisa will send out dates.
- Review contract with CCSN and update Council

- Look into sending out survey
- Look into opening meetings to the public

Adjournment: 11:50

Next Meeting: March 16, 2022