

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022
(Virtual Meeting)

Members Present: Jennifer Abbatemarco, Representative Catherine Abercrombie, Stephen Byers, Judy Dowd, Amy Dumont, Marcia Eckerd, Koleen Kerski, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Julie McKenna, Andrew Komarow, Jim Loomis, Kathy Marchione, Jimnahs Miller, Krista Ostaszewski, Donyale Pina, Lynn Ricci, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Kari Sassu, Doriana Vicedomini, Julie Wolf

Members Absent: Jill Caron, Melissa Gagne, Ann Gionet, Yana Razumnaya

Others: Jennifer Krom, Shelly Maynes, Beverne Cordner, Beth Westcott

Call to Order: 10:02 am

Welcome and Roll Call

January 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved

Introduction of New Case Managers:

Beverne Cordner and Beth Wescott

Representative Abercrombie advised Council she will be retiring.

- DSS will be stepping down from being a Chair on the Council as it was decided that it is a conflict of interest
- 200 slots were approved

Beacon State Plan Update by Jennifer Krom (see attached)

- March Data Review
- ASD Medicaid Open Authorizations as of 03/01/2022
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- ASD Medicaid Youth Monthly Admissions as of 03/01/2022 Report
- ASD Medicaid Youth Demographics as of 03/01/2022
- ASD Provider Enrollment as of 03/02/2022
- ASD Medicaid Youth Monthly Admissions as of 03/01/2022 Report

Feasibility Dollars

- \$500,000 in general funds
- \$400,000-\$600,000 funds for this year
- Center of Excellence - \$500,000

Waiver Updates

- 1980 individuals on the waitlist
- Breakdown of Resources created by Nathaniel Calixto was sent out
- DSS will be removed from Council as a Chair over ASDAC in July
- 2 spots will be vacant for the Council

Housing Update

- Housing meeting was held in February
- Andrew Komarow is resigning from the Housing Subcommittee due to no monies can be used to hire a consultant as monies cannot be used for this
- Amy discussed Cape Cod Village as a suggestion for the Housing Committee and will send out to the Council as a model
- Jimnabs offered to contact Cape Cod Village
- Jimnabs will join the Housing Subcommittee
- Amy James will join committee Interagency Housing Committee
- Lynn Ricci discussed defining a scope, priorities
- Krista discussed the Bill. The bill makes suggested changes but there is still a long process before being approved to be a law

New Business

To Do:

- Add Provider Waitlist concerns to next agenda
- Amy will discuss with Bill to see if there is any other way to use dollars to hire a consultant
- Amy will send list of meetings Interagency Housing Committee Meeting dates to Council
- Add tri-chair to Council
- Discuss nominating new chair for meeting as DSS will be removed due to conflict of interest
- Lisa will send out by-laws to the Council including what roll the chairs have

- Discuss ASDAC Member openings

Adjournment: 11:37 am

Next Meeting: May 18, 2022