

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

[11/16/2022 ASDAC YouTube Recording](#)

Members Present: Jennifer Abbatemarco, Representative Catherine Abercrombie, Judy Dowd, Amy Dumont, Marcia Eckerd, Ann Gionet, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Andrew Komarow, Jim Loomis, Julie McKenna, Krista Ostaszewski, Maureen Woronecki sitting in for Kathy Marchione, Julie McKenna, Jimnahs Miller, Donyale Pina, Yana Razumnaya Lynn Ricci , Kari Sassu, Doriana Vicedomini, Julie Wolf

Members Absent: Stephen Byers, Melissa Gagne, Koleen Kerski, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon,

Others: Jennifer Krom, Jennifer Cavallaro

Call to Order: 10:02am

Welcome and Roll Call

Approval of 9/21/2022 Meeting Minutes

Public Comments

Meet Dr. Schlegel

Beacon Health Options update by Jennifer Krom (see attached presentation)

- ASD Medicaid Authorizations as of 11/01/2022
- Annual (YTD) Admits/Authorizations for ASD Services by Service Class
- Open ASD Authorization by Service
- ASD Medicaid Youth Monthly Admissions as of 11/01/2022 Report
- ASD Medicaid Youth Demographics as of 11/01/2022
- ASD Provider Enrollment as of 11/01/2022
- ASD Care Coordination and Peer Specialist Activity
- Referral List Statuses as of 10/10/2022
- Data Outcomes are continually discussed at meetings

Waiver Update:

- 203 individuals assigned to the waiver
- 2039 individuals on the waitlist
- 2 new Case Manager positions have been chosen and with HR right now. Hoping to fill the positions by December.
- Continued struggle with lack of providers
- Outreach for providers by the Autism Team being performed
- Potential for a MSW Intern for the team
- Amended Waiver has not yet been approved by CMS but in the works for a 1/1/2023 start date
- Training expense resolution is still being discussed

Center of Excellence Update:

- Jennifer Cavallaro discussed
- Procurement schedule and timeline has been put together
- Engaged with CMS to assess how other states are serving individuals the needs of individuals with autism to serve more individuals
- Prioritizing? Crises situations? Needs? Gaps?

Housing Sub-Committee:

- Will be held once new Co-Chair has been selected

Krista Ostaszewski provided Supportive Housing Update:

- IDASH - Partnership between DDS, DSS and Dept. of Housing to provider wrap-around supports
- 3 housing projects
- Bear Woods in Avon – 10 units set aside for individuals with ID and autism – FAVAHR???
- Cottage Gardens in Hartford – 8 units set aside – HARC
- Lavender Fields in Bloomfield – 9 units set aside - FAVAHR???
- Questions on criteria, waitlist, etc.?

2023 Meeting Dates: Lisa to send out meeting dates

New Business:

- Cathy Abercrombie's final meeting is today as she is retiring

- Opened meeting for nominations
- 3 of Cathy's Abercrombie's colleagues are interested in taking over Cathy's place
- Doriana Vicedomini was nominated for Co-Chair and has accepted position

Other Business:

- Shout out to Kate McEvoy as she will take on the leadership of the National Association of Medicaid Directors
- Manes with Motions Therapeutic Riding Center, Hospital for Special Care helps patients using therapeutic riding.

To Do:

Adjournment: 12:02 am

Next Meeting: January 18, 2023