

# Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council

## Education & Training Subcommittee

### MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
December 18, 2024	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Virtual

#### Subcommittee Attendance

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Lynn Ricci, Committee Chair	R	Jimnahs Miller, Council Chari	R		
Kimberly Mearman, Member	R				
Patrick Heick, Member	R				
Kari Sassu	R				
ASD Supporting Agencies					
Kathy Marchione, ADS BRS	R	Ann Gionet, DPH		Tara Viens, OPM	R
Bryan Klimkiewicz, CSDE	R	Stephen Byers, DRCT			
Dorothy Papa-Santini, CSDE		Christine Weston, DSS			
Stephanie Bozak, DCF		MaryBeth Miller, OEC			
Krista Ostaszewski, DDS	R	Kolleen Kerski, OEC			
Jennifer Abbatemarco, DMHAS		Judy Dowd, OPM			
Attendance Key: <b>R</b> = attended remotely, <b>I</b> = attended in-person, <b>X</b> = absent					

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Lynn Ricci, Chair
	Call to Order	
2.	<b>Approve August Meeting Minutes</b>	Lynn Ricci, Chair
	October minutes have been approved	
3.	<b>Discussion</b>	Lynn Ricci, Chair
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tara reported that there is a SPA in progress for changing the behavior technician qualifications under Medicaid. She doesn't have detailed information, but the intent was to recognize RBT's who are certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board to help address workforce shortages. She will update the group as information becomes available.</li> <li>There was continued discussion on how to improve education and training opportunities for people who are supporting people with ASD. The group is still trying to identify where we can be the most impactful.</li> </ol>	
4.	<b>Action steps</b>	Lynn Ricci, Chair
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kim will follow up with the LEND program at the UCEDD to see if they would be interested in doing a project on career paths in supporting people with ASD or a provider survey on workforce and training needs.</li> </ol>	
5.	<b>Adjourn</b>	Lynn Ricci, Chair