

Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council

**MEETING MINUTES**

Legislative Subcommittee

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
08/11/2025	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Zoom

Member Name and Attendance

<b>ASD Advisory Body Members</b>				
Jimnahs Miller, Chair		Meghan Gallagher	X	Patrick Heick, Member
Yana Razumnaya, Chair		Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Member	X	Marcia Eckerd, Member
Melissa Hoon, Member		Sarah Schlegel, Member		Christine Faressa, Member
Kimberly Mearmen, Member	X	Julie Wolf, Member		Melissa Paul Perez, Member
Kari Sassu, Member	X			
<b>ASD Supporting Agencies &amp; Other Participants</b>				
Kathy Marchione, ADS BRS	X	Ann Gionet, DPH		Zani Imetovski, OPM
Bryan Klimkiewicz, CSDE	X	Stephen Byers, DRCT	X	Tara Viens, OPM
Dorothy Papa-Santini, CSDE		Christine Weston, DSS		Lois Rosenwald, Parent
Stephanie Bozak, DCF		MaryBeth Miller, OEC		Susan Stange, DSS
Krista Ostaszewski, DDS		Kolleen Kerski, OEC		Jennifer Krom, Carelon
Jennifer Abbatemarco, DMHAS		Judy Dowd, OPM		

Attendance Key: **R** = attended remotely, **I** = attended in-person, **X** = absent

	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Kimberly Mearmen, Chair
	Call to Order	
2.	<b>Legislative Update</b>	Tara Viens
	<p><a href="#">PA 25-89</a> included a section that OPM and DSS will secure grant funding for a statewide ASD needs assessment and created a complex case working group for those with an ASD/ID/MH diagnosis who may meet eligibility across multiple agencies.</p> <p>Insurance bill did not pass, this was one of our legislative priorities and was created to address lack of insurance coverage for ABA after age 21, we can pick this up in special session or next winter.</p> <p>Implementing the recommendations in the report <a href="#">"Evaluation of Statutory Definitions and Regulations: Intellectual Disability and Related Programs"</a> also did not pass.</p>	
3.	<b>Review of Legislative Proposals and Subcommittee Tasks</b>	Kimberly Mearmen
	We received one policy suggestion to address ASD waiver services	
	Discussion on additional proposals and how they will be reviewed by the committee.	
4.	<b>Next Steps</b>	Tara Viens
	Tara will create and send out a new legislative proposal form that can be posted on the website and available for members and non-members to complete.	
	Next meeting will be held on Sept 8 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm on Zoom	
5.	<b>Adjourn</b>	Kimberly Mearmen