

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

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

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	Welcome & Introductions	Kimberly Mearmen, Chair
	Call to Order	
2.	Legislative Update	Tara Viens
	<p>PA 25-89 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 “Evaluation of Statutory Definitions and Regulations: Intellectual Disability and Related Programs” also did not pass.</p>	
3.	Review of Legislative Proposals and Subcommittee Tasks	Kimberly Mearmen
	<p>We received one policy suggestion to address ASD waiver services</p> <p>Discussion on additional proposals and how they will be reviewed by the committee.</p>	
4.	Next Steps	Tara Viens
	<p>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.</p> <p>Next meeting will be held on Sept 8th at 2pm on Zoom</p>	
5.	Adjourn	Kimberly Mearmen