

Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council

**MEETING MINUTES**

Housing Subcommittee

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
January 13, 2026	11:00am – 12:00pm	Zoom

Member Name and Attendance

ASD Advisory Body Members					
Jimnahs Miller, ASDAC Chair		Meghan Gallagher, Member	X	Patrick Heick, Member	
Yana Razumnaya, ASDAC Chair		Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Member		Marcia Eckerd, Member	
Melissa Hoon, Housing Chair	X	Sarah Schlegel, Member		Christine Faressa, Member	
Kimberly Mearmen, Member		Julie Wolf, Member		Melissa Paul Perez, Member	
Kari Sassu, Member		Lynne Altschuler, Member		Lois Rosenwald, Member	
ASD Supporting Agencies & Other Participants					
Kathy Marchione, ADS BRS		Ann Gionet, DPH		Zani Imetovski, OPM	
Bryan Klimkiewicz, CSDE		Tobey Partch-Davies, DRCT	X	Tara Viens, OPM	
Dorothy Papa-Santini, CSDE		Christine Weston, DSS		Susan Stange, DSS	
Stephanie Bozak, DCF		MaryBeth Miller, OEC		Jennifer Krom, Carelon	
Krista Ostaszewski, DDS		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>	<b>Melissa Hoon</b>
	Call to Order and Group Introductions	
2.	<b>Discuss Meeting Cadence</b>	<b>Melissa Hoon</b>
	Housing committee has not had a meeting cadence in the past. Looking to meet once a month, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 11am	
3.	<b>New Business &amp; Discussion</b>	<b>Melissa Hoon</b>
	The committee was previously reaching out to other states to identify successful programs. Hoping to have a space to have resources and information like a google drive or share folder. Group discussed the need to do additional research. Most people who are living independently are accessing support through life skills services via ASD waiver and natural supports. There is a need to promote inclusive housing and several models. Suggestion for starting this conversation with group values and vision, including defining inclusion. Need to look at federal laws, state laws and impact to disability populations related to housing.	
4.	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Melissa Hoon</b>
	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> at 11am	
5.	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Melissa Hoon</b>