

Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council

**MEETING MINUTES**

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Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
6/26/24	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Zoom (link above)

Member Name and Attendance

ASD Advisory Body Members					
Jimnahs Miller, Chair	R	Melissa Hoon	R		
Yana Razumnaya, Chair	R	Lynn Ricci	R		
Kimberly Mearman	X	Julie Wolf	X		
Carole Ryan-Hanlon	R	Dr. Sarah Schlegel	R		
Dr. Patrick Heick	R				
State Agency Members					
Chrisine Weston, DSS	R	Ann Gionet, DPH	R	Judy Dowd, OPM	R
Stephanie Bozak, DCF	R	Kathy Marchione, ADS BRS	R	Stephen Byers, DRCT	R
Bryan Klimkiewicz, CSDE	X	Krista Ostaszewski, DDS	R	Tara Viens, OPM	R
Jennifer Abbatemarco, DMHAS	R	MaryBeth Miller, OEC	X		
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>	Jimnahs Miller, Chair
	Call to Order	
2.	<b>Public Comment</b>	Jimnahs Miller, Chair
	Sara Spear, parent and disability advocate introduced herself and her startup <a href="#">Empowered Together</a> which connects people with disabilities to accessible businesses.	
3.	<b>Review &amp; Approve Meeting Minutes</b>	Jimnahs Miller, Chair
	March meeting minutes were approved, no objections or revisions	
4.	<b>Agency Updates</b>	Tara Viens
	<p>A. OPM provided an update on the employment study and asked for council feedback and for their assistance with disseminating a stakeholder feedback survey. The survey is available until July 26<sup>th</sup>, <a href="#">SURVEY LINK</a></p> <p>B. OPM provided an update on the level of need and IQ study, a contractor has been identified through the RFP process and will have an initial draft of their research by the end of August. We will be scheduling a opportunity for the council to provide feedback on recommendations before the end of the year.</p> <p>C. CSDE, a group of subject matter experts provided feedback on their initial draft of guidelines for BCBA's in schools. The final draft is in process and should be released prior to the start of the school year.</p> <p>D. DRCT, does an annual survey to determine priorities for their next fiscal year and is looking for stakeholder feedback. You can access and disseminate the survey to assist them in creating goals, <a href="#">SURVEY LINK</a>. Their flyer is also attached below.</p> <p>E. DSS, Christine Weston is the new DSS appointee for the council, she offered to provide personal stories on waiver successes at future meetings and is open to providing additional information that would be of interest to the council. There are currently 243 total waiver participants. Of the 200 additional slots provided in the last biennium, 123 are filled and an additional 25 people are currently going through the</p>	

	<p>Medicaid process, they are working through the waitlist to fill the remaining 52 slots. They have an additional allotment of waiver slots that will become available in 2025.</p> <p>F. OPM autism supportive housing pilot that was proposed has been stalled due to the provider requiring additional funding, this is something that our housing subcommittee can work on to identify a model and scope for this funding.</p> <p>G. OPM provided an update on ASDAC appointments, we have 6 member slots that are still waiting on legislative appointments. Tara Viens will continue to follow up with legislators to get this completed.</p>	
5.	<b>Subcommittee Updates</b>	<b>Jimnahs Miller</b>
	A. The chair challenged council members to participate more actively in our subcommittees to meet council objectives.	
6.	<b>New Business</b>	<b>Tara Viens</b>
	A. A draft copy of the bylaws was sent to council members prior to the meeting. There was discussion on possible edits and there was not enough time to come to consensus therefore a special meeting will be held to vote on the bylaws.	
7.	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Jimnahs Miller</b>
	The next scheduled full council meeting will be held on September 18 <sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00pm via Zoom	
8.	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Jimnahs Miller</b>
	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm	



## Disability Rights Connecticut needs your input!

DRCT is working to determine the focus of our work for 2024 and 2025 and would like input from you! This is your opportunity to tell DRCT how to use its resources to better serve the disability community in Connecticut.

**Provide your input today!**



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## ¡Disability Rights Connecticut necesita su opinión!

DRCT está trabajando para determinar el enfoque de nuestro trabajo para 2024 y 2025 y le gustaría la entrada de usted! Esta es su oportunidad de decirle a DRCT cómo usar sus recursos para servir mejor a la comunidad de discapacidades en Connecticut.

**¡Proporcione su opinión hoy!**

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