

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Instructions: [F-01922A](#)

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Autism Council			Attending: Nissan Bar-Lev (Council Member); Vivian Hazell (Council Member) attending in person; Liesl Jordan (Council Member); Roberta Mayo (Council Member); and Glen Sallows (Council Member) participating by phone. DHS Staff: Andrea Jacobson; Nancy Bills; Sam Ninnemann; Javona Townsend; Elisabeth "Bri" Ross; Sara Eskrich; Daniel Kiernan; Max Fletcher; and Tabitha Ramminger. Public Members: Dr. Rebecca Thompson; Angela Levin (Mercy Health/WAPA); Julie and Jarod Quigley (Autism Society of South East Wisconsin); Matt Doll (ABBA); Gail Chödrön, PhD, and Maureen Durkin, PhD (Waisman Center; Kim Coronado (joined by phone).
Date: 8/9/2018	Time Started: 10:00 am	Time Ended: 12:00 Noon	
Location: Department of Health Services Building, 1 W. Wilson St., Room 630, Madison, WI			Presiding Officer: Andrea Jacobson, Section Chief, Bureau of Children's Long Term Support Services (DHS)

Minutes

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS:

Individual introductions of Council members; DHS staff and general public
Andrea announced the resignation of Council member Shannon Knall.

OPERATIONAL:

Approval of Pending Autism Council Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Vivian moved that draft meeting minutes from May 10, 2018, be approved without any changes. Motion seconded by Nissan. Motion passed unanimously.

Council members discussed the possibility of amending the bylaws to allow for proxy voting. A question arose regarding permissible statutory authority to allow proxy voting. Council requested that DHS research proxy voting statutory guidelines to be presented at the next Autism Council meeting scheduled for November 8, 2018. The council would like to determine if the definition of a proxy vote, including who authorizes the individual to be a proxy; is dictated by general council rules for all Governor's Office councils.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Becky Thompson stated that she has not received a response to her Autism Council membership application submitted to the Governor's Office.

Julie Quigley (Autism Society of South East Wisconsin) -- will resubmit her Autism Council membership application. She expressed concern regarding changes in Milwaukee County Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) services. She reported being informed that families are only being approved for emergency services and are told that these services can only be authorized one time. She expressed concern for continued autism service provider shortages as many providers are not accepting Medicaid patients due to the reimbursement rates and authorization process being too labor intensive.

Council member Roberta Mayo echoed the public comments regarding lack of providers willing to accept Medicaid, and highlighted concerns in northern Wisconsin. She described a recent personal experience related to challenges with wait lists for services. The discussion also included concerns about transitions for children when they leave the children's system and move into the adult system. Upon further council discussion, a suggestion was made by council member Nissan Bar-Lev to invite a DHS staff member representing the Medicaid state plan to attend a future meeting to discuss these issues/concerns.

BUREAU OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (BCS) UPDATE - Andrea Jacobson, Section Chief, Program Improvement and Quality Outcomes.

Updated Council members on the Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program Community and Provider Forums which started on July 31st and ended on August 23rd. Nancy sent members a direct link to the provider rate-setting page on the DHS website, which includes instructions for the public to provide their input and recommendations.

INVITED GUEST PRESENTERS:

Gail Chödrön, PhD, and Maureen Durkin, PhD (Waisman Center) presented information on the Wisconsin Care Integration Initiative; Community Report on Autism (2018); and a Snapshot of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Wisconsin. Handouts were distributed.

Elisabeth "Bri" Ross; Sara Eskrich; Max Fletcher (Department of Health Services, Bureau of Benefits Management) presented a background overview of Wisconsin's Medicaid Telehealth Policy. Handout was distributed.

Daniel Kiernan (Department of Health Services, Bureau of Benefits Management) presented an informational update related to the DPI/DHS Guidance to Providers on Autism Services.

MOTION: Vivian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Nissan. Motion passed without objection.

Prepared by: Nancy Bills on 8/31/2018.