

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

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Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Autism Council			Attending: Council Members: Nissan Bar-Lev; Vivian Hazell; Pam Lano; Roberta Mayo (phone)
Date: 11/8/2018	Time Started: 10:02 am	Time Ended: 12:00 pm	Public Attendees: Julie Quigley (Autism Society of South East Wisconsin); Meg Riddy and Sara Kaiser (ABBA); Angela Levin (Mercy Health Systems); Mahin Para-Arene and Kirsten Meyer (IDS); Valentine Oluchn (Hannah's Home East); Rebecca Thompson.  DHS State Staff: Andrea Jacobson; Autumn Knudtson; Nancy Bills; Sam Ninnemann (BCS Staff) ; Daniel Kiernan, Bureau of Benefits Management DHS.
Location: Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), 1 W. Wilson St., Conference Room 630, Madison, WI			Presiding Officer: Andrea Jacobson, Section Chief, DHS, Bureau of Children's Services (BCS)

**Minutes**

Welcome and Introductions:

- Individual introductions of Autism Council members, DHS staff and general public
- Andrea announced Autumn Knudtson joining the meeting as the new BCS Deputy Director

Public Comment:

- Angela Levin mentioned she is still waiting for a response regarding her application for Council membership and expressed frustration trying to locate a respite worker for her child now that she is off the waitlist.
- Julie Quigley expressed appreciation for the opportunity for public input regarding the new rate-setting guidelines.

Operational:

- Approval of the August 2018 meeting minutes. The council decided to carry over approval to the next meeting. No action was taken.
- Andrea Jacobson provided information regarding the council exploration of amending the bylaws. The Autism Council is a Governor’s Council and amendments are under the authority of the Governor. The council discussed the issue and decided the following:  
MOTION made by Roberta Mayo seconded by Vivian Hazell, “That the Autism Council will forward a letter to Governor Walker recommending changes to the bylaws allowing for proxy member voting and encouraging inclusion of a member absenteeism rule. In addition, the Council recommends filling the member vacancies as soon as possible to achieve quorum.” Motion passed unanimously.  
Pam Lano agreed to write the letter and to distribute a draft to members by email for approval before sending.
- Andrea reported notification to the DHS Secretary Linda Seemeyer regarding the open member vacancies on the council.
- Council discussed 2019 meeting dates.  
MOTION made by Nissan Bar-Lev, seconded by Vivian Hazell to confirm the following dates which are different than those recommended in the agenda: February 21; May 9, August 8, November 7. Motion passed unanimously.

BCS Updates – Presented by Autumn Knudtson, Deputy Director

- Rate Setting (handout was distributed)
- Provider Registry
- Wait List Update (CLTS Waiver Enrollment and Waitlist by County, October 2018 map distributed)

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Bureau of Benefits Management Updates – Presented by Dan Kiernan

- Forward Health Update regarding Behavioral Treatment
- Provider and Rate Discussion

Department of Public Instruction and Department of Health Services (DPI/DHS) Joint Guidance – Presentation by Patricia Williams (Assistant Director to the Special Ed Team – DPI); Jessica Nichols (DPI Consultant) and Dan Kiernan (Bureau of Benefits Management – DHS).

- Discussed Forward Health Update No. 2018-29 titled “Guidance for Behavioral Treatment for School-Age Youth” including Overview; Responsibilities; Individualized Plans; Collaboration Between School Staff and Behavioral Treatment Providers; School Absence Related to Behavioral Treatment; and Behavioral Treatment in the School Environment.

MOTION: Made by Roberta Mayo, seconded by Nissan Bar-Lev to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting will be February 14, 2019.

Prepared by: Nancy Bills on 11/9/2018.