

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Autism Council			Attending: Council Members: Vivian Hazell; Robert Johnston; Christina Krasovich; Angela Levin; Lindsay McCary; Kevin Scholz; Dr. Rebecca Thompson; Daysi Jiménez; Julie Quigley; John Jahnke (phone); Roberta Mayo (phone)
Date: 2/7/2020	Time Started: 10:00 am	Time Ended: 11:54 am	
			Public Attendees: None
			DHS State Staff: Andrea Jacobson; Nicole Miller; Autumn Knudtson; Laura Zimmerman; Jessica Cwirla; Laura Clark; Jessica Willadsen
Location: Wisconsin Department of Health Services Building, 1 W. Wilson St., Room 630, Madison, WI			Presiding Officer: Andrea Jacobson, Section Chief, Bureau of Children's Services, Department of Health Services

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions:

- Individual introductions of Council members, DHS staff and general public.

Public Comments:

- No attendees from public present

Operational: Andrea Jacobson

- Approval of November 7 2019, meeting minutes.
MOTION made by Roberta Mayo, seconded by Rebecca Thompson, to approve the meeting minutes as drafted with one change: corrected list of council members in attendance to include Roberta Mayo. Motion approved unanimously.
- Executive Planning Committee Opening – There is currently one opening on this committee. Members who volunteered to fill the opening were Bob Johnston, Daysi Jimenez, Lindsay McCary, Rebecca Thompson, Angela Levin, and Kevin Scholz. A vote will be held next meeting.

Updates:

Department of Health Services (DHS) Updates –Jessica Cwirla (BBM)

- In December, DMS held a stakeholder meeting with autism behavioral treatment providers including representatives from WisABA, WAPA, and the Waismann Center. The group will meet each May and December and will address group treatment for members and families, telehealth as a benefit, and expansion of family treatment guidance to middle tier treatment providers.
- Jessica Cwirla asked the Council members for input on the type of data to be reported from the Medicaid behavioral treatment team.
- A discussion was held between Council members about the utilization of translation services. It was noted that individual family experiences vary widely, and the Council discussed barriers to filing individual complaints for families who have limited English language proficiency.

DHS Updates–Andrea Jacobson (BCS)

- Andrea Jacobson announced that she has accepted a new position in another department, so she will no longer serve as the presiding officer for the Council. The new facilitator for DHS will be Nicole Miller in the Bureau of Children's Services (BCS) with regular attendance at meetings by the Director, Deb Rathermel, or Deputy Director, Autumn Knudtson.
- Council member Pam Lano has accepted a position at DHS, so her position on the council as a provider representative may change. An update on this status will be provided at the next meeting.

- f) The Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program Enrollment & Waitlist by County (January 2019) map was reviewed.
- g) The Birth to 3 Program is offering social-emotional learning innovation grants. The application period has just closed with 33 applications from 50 different counties, and recipients of these grants will be announced later this spring.
- h) A memo regarding service delivery for participants who are enrolled in both the CCS and CLTS programs is currently out for public review.
- i) The CLTS Council is currently seeking another parent representative.
- j) BCS is seeking a parent representative to serve on the new Access Committee which will be looking at the best way to improve access to Katie Beckett Medicaid and the CLTS Waiver. The Committee will be meeting about six times. Daysi Jimenez and Roberta Mayo expressed interest in volunteering for this group.

Council Member Updates

- k) Vivian Hazell submitted a letter from a member of the public who is certified in Early Start Denver Model for Council review. This individual would like to have a change considered for Lead Therapist credential for the behavioral health benefit to consider years of experience or certification in ESDM.
- l) John Jahnke shared a letter from a parent concerned about the lack of collaboration between DPI and DHS despite the joint DPI-DPH memo stating that ABA services can be provided in the school environment.
- m) Kevin Scholz stated that he would like the Council to work to address the law that self-funded health care plans are exempt from the mandate requiring coverage of post-diagnostic services. Kevin Scholz shared information on employment programs in Southeastern Wisconsin to match young people with possible employers.
- n) Becky Thompson shared that April is Autism Awareness month. The Autism Society and the Wisconsin Autism Provider Association are working with the legislature on a proclamation for April.
- o) Lindsay McCary shared information about a program to increase provider capacity to provide support to children with ASD. She also shared that Project ECHO through the Waismann Center is working with primary care physicians to increase their capacity to serve children with ASD.
- p) Bob Johnston shared that the Autism Society of Greater Wisconsin conference will be held at the end of April.
- q) Julie Quigley shared that Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin has been conducting first responder training.

2020 Council Goal Setting—Andrea Jacobson, and Autism Council Members

- r) Andrea Jacobson reviewed the goals identified at the November Council Meeting and presented the proposed goals for vote by the Autism Council Members: Best Practices; Early Diagnosis and Intervention Transitions; Family Coordination and Navigation. Each Council member was given the opportunity to vote for two goals.

- s) The voting was as follows:

Family Coordination and Navigation

- Access to diagnosticians and coordination of services with providers
- **Family awareness of resources (5 votes)**
- **Systems coordination (1 vote)**
- **Increase Access for specific populations (e.g non-english speakers) (1 vote)**
- Increase ease for families to navigate systems
- **Develop navigators (1 vote)**
- Fiscal supports

Best Practices

- **Access for older children (2 votes)**
- Co-occurring
- Individualized supports
- Ways to increase diagnostic providers
- Funding strategies
- County consistencies
- Early intervention
- Transparency of available services (family awareness of resources and eligibility)
- Parent training

Transitions

- Models for transition to adulthood
- Awareness and access to transition resources
- Enhance DHS website
- Extend High School

Early Diagnosis and intervention

- **Promote early identification (7 votes)**
 - Promote the filed (increase providers)
 - **Training to promote screening (1 vote)**
 - Physician Training (MCAT)
 - Access Enhancements
 - Reduce Licensing Barriers
- t) The Autism Council Members discussed a proposal to adopt the following goals for 2020:
- Early identification and services
 - Family awareness of services including transparency of available services and access for specific populations (e.g. non-English speaking families)
- u) The Autism Council Members discussed a proposal to establish small work groups to meet more frequently or to incorporate remote collaboration. Andrea Jacobson shared that the possibility of these options will need to be checked against the bylaws for the Council.
- v) Motion made by Roberta Mayo, seconded by Vivian Hazell to schedule a longer planning meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Roberta Mayo, seconded by Vivian Hazell to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting on May 14, 2020.

Prepared by: Nicole Miller on 3/23/2020.