

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Autism Council			Attending: Council Members: Christina Krasovich; Lindsay McCary; Katy Morgan; Dr. Rebecca Thompson; Daysi Jiménez
Date: 8/12/2021	Time Started: 10:05 a.m.	Time Ended: 12:00 p.m.	Excused: Nissan Bar-Lev; John Jahnke; Robert Johnston; Kevin Scholz  Public Attendees:  DHS State Staff: Deb Rathermel; Jessica Gehr; Nicole Miller; Curtis Cunningham; Julia Thoe; Pam Lano; Angela Waltz; Laura Zimmerman
Location: Zoom Meeting <a href="https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/85209851604">https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/85209851604</a>			Presiding Officer: Dan Kramarz, Bureau of Children's Services, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)

### Minutes

#### Welcome and Introductions

Individual introductions of Council members.

#### Public Comments

None

#### Operational

- Approval of the February 11, 2021, meeting minutes.  
**MOTION** made by Christina Krasovich, seconded by Lindsay McCary, to approve the meeting minutes with noted correction (date of meeting minute approval should have read November 12, 2020). Motion approved unanimously.
- Approval of the May 13, 2021, meeting minutes.  
**MOTION** made by Katy Morgan, seconded by Becky Thompson, to approve the meeting minutes as drafted. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Updates

[Children's Long-Term Support \(CLTS\) Waiver Renewal Application](#) – Jessica Gehr

[CLTS Waiver Renewal–Summary of](#)

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#### Council Member Updates

Council member discussion comments included:

- Daysi raised the question as how CLTS and Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) budgets are managed.
- Deb Rathermel conveyed that funding for CLTS services managed at the state level and that with CCOP, each county has an allocation and is able to use their funds as described in state statute.

**Medicaid Access Data; Behavioral Treatment benefit utilization**–Julia Thoe

- Second quarter of 2021: April 1 through June 30. **Note:** Medicaid providers have up to 365 days from the date of service to submit claims.
- 391 members received treatment at the focused level.
- 43,210 hours of focused behavioral treatment have been provided.
- 266,884 hours of comprehensive behavioral treatment have been provided.
- 1,408 members received treatment at the comprehensive level.
- The total number of members who received at least one service within the behavioral treatment benefit during the period is 2,171.
- Our bureau is looking at feasibility of concurrent billing and benefit treatment codes.
- The Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) is exploring additional supports for translation services.

**Updates from council members:**

- Becky stated there was a 15% rate increase for behavioral treatment approved by Governor Evers.
- Daysi expressed there were long waits for CCOP funding in Milwaukee County.
- Chris asked if physician or medical recommendations are needed for the Waiver? This may be warranted in some instances. BCS [Children and Family Program Specialists](#) often assist counties and families when asking for these clarifications.

**Center-Based Behavioral Treatment Benefit Discussion**–Pam Lano

Council member input on Center-Based services:

- Becky–Pros and cons, but treatment has been shifting more towards centers. There is slightly better staff retention, have more oversight and a clinical advantage.
- Katy–ABA therapy; hearing that some do well at home and some do well at the centers and depends on individual situations.
- Daysi–For some families, they are told they have to use the centers or they can't provide the services. Some comments are parents are concerned about what is taking place including safety concerns. They can't see what is happening at the center and feel like they don't have control of what is taking place.
- Becky–What if they could find out the percentage of hours that were centered-based vs. home? Pam can report that out at next meeting.

**2021-2023 DHS Budget Update**–Angela Waltz

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**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Waiver Funds**–Curtis Cunningham

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**MOTION** made by Christina Krasovich, seconded by Lindsay McCary to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting on November 11, 2021.

Prepared by: Laura Zimmerman on 8/13/2021.