
The Michigan Autism Council



AUTISM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lewis Cass Building

Friday, April 22, 2016

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION
Colleen Allen	Autism Alliance of Michigan, Non-profit Organization serving those with ASD
Mary Chaliman	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Jeff DeLay	Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority, Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans
Wayne Fuqua	Western Michigan University, State Universities
Diane Heinzelman, Chairperson	Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Intermediate School Districts and Local Schools
Anthony Ianni	Michigan Department of Civil Rights, ASD Community (Self- advocate)
Cathy Kirby	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services
Amy Matthews, Vice-Chairperson	Grand Valley State University, State-funded Initiatives
George Mellos	Hawthorn Center, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Stacie Rulison, Secretary	ASD Community (Parent)
Jane Turner	Michigan State University, Medical Centers/ Health Care Providers
Joanne Winkelman	Michigan Department of Education
MDHHS STAFF PRESENT	MDHHS ORGANIZATION
Lisa Grost	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Section
Rachel Rick	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Section
Kim Saterlee	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Section
Lynda Zeller, Deputy Director Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration

CALL TO ORDER

The Autism Council meeting was called to order by Chair Diane Heinzelman at 9:05 A.M. A quorum was present for the meeting.

ROLL CALL

A roll call of Council members, MDHHS staff, and guests was completed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Chair Diane Heinzelman called for a **MOTION** to approve the February minutes. Stacie Rulison made a **MOTION** to approve the February minutes. Anthony Ianni **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION** carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

MDHHS & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Lynda Zeller gave an update about the Governor's proposed budget with regards to Stakeholder 298, which calls for integration of the Medicaid managed care system. Currently, the House of Representatives and the Senate have reported 8.298 will be modified from the executive recommendation. The stakeholder work group is on track to have five meetings. The goal of these meetings are to create an end statement along with a core value statement and a list of concepts to inform decision makers on how to implement the new changes, such as suggestions of delivery, administration and oversight, and payment. The work group plans on having the goals met by June and continue to post their progress on www.michigan.gov/stakeholder298. Lynda has asked the Council to continue to monitor the documents the work group posts on this site and send any recommendations or edits to Lisa Grost.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOCUS AREA

Diane Heinzelman presented on how the Autism Council meetings may be strengthened by formatting the meetings to be more focused on identified need areas by the Council. By making the meetings more needs-based focused, it will increase Council members knowledge and understanding of resources available throughout the state and offer opportunities to coordinate and collaborate with each other. One deliverable the Council may provide to families and stakeholders is creating a resource directory, which aligns well with one of the "Dissemination of Information & Products" goal of the Autism Council. There will be a survey sent out to each council member asking about issues and behavioral needs their agency has encountered and resources their agency/organization offers to improve outcomes. The answers provided by this survey will structure future agendas for the Autism Council meetings. There also will be another survey sent out to help create a resource directory, which Council members may ask their colleagues to complete. The survey filled out by the Council members will be due in May so the June Council meeting agenda may be created, and the survey to be filled out by other agencies for the resource directory is planned to be completed by December 2016. Following the presentation, the Council completed a mock survey and discussed with other council members their issues their agency encounters and resources they have to offer.

NEW BUSINESS

Diane Heinzelman reported in 2006, the Michigan Department of Education created the Standards for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint. Currently, there is not a way to enforce the standards nor is there a reporting process to MDE. The Special Education Reform Task Force Report included a recommendation to propose new legislation for the use of emergency seclusion and emergency restraints in schools. The House Education Committee met the week of April 11th to listen to testimony on the proposed legislation. There were over 150 individuals who came to give testimony, including Diane Heinzelman, so the committee offered a second meeting the week of April 18th to finish hearing additional testimonies. Diane distributed a legislative analysis of the bill to the council to review. The major difference between the bill and the 2006 MDE Standards document is the legislation requires emergency intervention plans to be developed by Intermediate School Districts (ISDs). Additionally, the legislation would require schools to report instances of emergency seclusion and emergency restraining to MDE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Draft Behavior Analyst Bill
 - Lisa Grost reported she and Karla Ruest met with Senator Warren at the end of March to discuss the suggestions made by the Autism Council, and Senator Warren did not see any concerns with them. Revisions are being made to the bill. Lisa also reported the Governor's proposed budget allocated \$2.5 million for universities, along with \$1.25 million for the Autism Alliance of Michigan. Currently, the Senate has a \$100 place holder for the Alliance and the

House has the university funding listed at \$1.5 million.

- Reappointments
 - Jane Turner, Stacie Rulison, Colleen Allen, and Wayne Fuqua's positions on the Autism Council are up for reappointment in September 2016. Each member expressed interest in reappointment. Council members briefly discussed the established process used by the governor's office when making appointments to the council.

STANDING REPORTS

Joanne Winkelman reported additional emphasis of positive behavioral supports in the work of MDE.

Wayne Fuqua reported Western Michigan University is planning the Michigan Autism Conference for fall 2016.

Jeff DeLay reported a workgroup was formed to provide feedback to MDHHS on the ABA rate structure. a contract to establish rates and codes for the iSPA policy. Jeff also reported the crisis mobilization team for adults is recently started in Wayne County and a BCBA has been added to the team through a MDHHS innovation grant award.

Colleen Allen reported the 5th Autism Alliance of Michigan Gala occurred on April 16th and was sold out. The Alliance is working locally with the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Henry Ford Museum, and the Science Center to host events for families with children with autism to enjoy. The AAoM Autism Navigator has assisted approximately 800 families since inception.

Mary Chaliman reported the MDHHS Permanency Division held their 6th annual Faith Based Summit. The Division partnered with various organizations throughout the state to bring in awareness and support for foster and adoptive parents, along with children who are transitioning out of foster care. Lisa Grost was on one of the panel discussions to talk about autism, services for individuals with autism and the importance of family support for those who have a child with autism.

Jane Turner reported there will be a family conference coming held by MSU in July. Wardcliff Center AAEC is evaluating children and there have been challenges to work through with insurance coverages.

Anthony Ianni reported has continued to be busy with the Relentless Tour and will be traveling out of state to Nebraska, New York, Iowa, and Ohio. He will be presenting at summer camps and assisting with summer basketball camps for children with autism.

Lisa Grost distributed a Medicaid ABA policy fact sheet to be shared with families and partnering agencies. There are 2,137 children approved in Medicaid to receive ABA which is a 50% increase since January 1, 2016. The capacity of ABA providers is a concern and MDHHS continues to reach out to providers and universities to assist with increasing the number of ABA providers servicing these children.

George Mellos reported Hawthorn remains challenged to service all the calls received from agencies. There are hospitals and residential treatment families who will not admit children with severe behavior challenges or those who or sexually act out. Hawthorn is actively recruiting BCBAs and appreciates referrals.

Amy Matthews gave an update on the START Intensive training series for school-based teams. Grand Valley State University will host the 15th annual START conference on May 2nd in East Lansing and their Leadership Day on May 3rd.

Diane Heinzelman reported Charlevoix-Emmet ISD will be providing behavior technician training to school and community staff in September/October 2016. She also reported an active collaborative with the local health department to provide Youth Mental Health First Aid to 600 school personnel, clergy, first responders, and other community personnel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 A.M. The next Autism Council meeting will be on **June 17th, 2016** in the **Lewis Cass 5th floor Large Conference Room**.