
The Michigan Autism Council



AUTISM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lewis Cass Building
Friday, December 16, 2016
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION
Diane Heinzelman, Chairperson	Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Intermediate School Districts and Local Schools
Stacie Rulison, Secretary	ASD Community (Parent)
Colleen Allen	Autism Alliance of Michigan, Non-profit Organization serving those with ASD
Mary Chaliman	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Krista Clancy	Wayne State University, State Universities
Cathy Kirby	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services
Elizabeth Kowal, M.D.	Helen DeVos Center, Medical Centers/ Health Care Providers
George Mellos, M.D.	Hawthorn Center, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Christopher Pinter	Bay-Arenac Community Mental Health Service Plan, Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans
Joanne Winkelman	Michigan Department of Education
COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED	ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION
Anthony Ianni	Michigan Department of Civil Rights, ASD Community (Self- advocate)
Amy Matthews, Vice-Chairperson	Grand Valley State University, State-Funded Initiatives
MDHHS STAFF PRESENT	MDHHS ORGANIZATION
Lynda Zeller, Deputy Director	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
Brie Elsasser	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Section
Sheri Falvay	Services to Children and Families Division
Lisa Grost	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Section
Kara Hart	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Section
Angela Minicuci	External Relations and Communications Administration
Elizabeth Nagel	Planning and Access to Care Division
Tom Renwick	Community Based Services Bureau
Karla Ruest	Legislative Affairs Division
Kim Saterlee	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Section
Morgan VanDenBerg	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder Section
GUESTS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
Kelly Blankenship	Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

CALL TO ORDER

The Autism Council meeting was called to order by Chair Diane Heinzelman at 9:00 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 October minutes. Joanne Winkelman made a **MOTION** to approve the October minutes. Mary Chaliman **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION** carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Blankenship from Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services shared starting in January 2017, a planning committee will be established to help develop a residential developmental disability general adolescent and child wing. Pine Rest has a 36 bed acute child/adolescent unit. Kelly is seeking information on the needs in Michigan for children with developmental disabilities and how can this new wing support these individuals. The unit is planned to open in April 2017.

MDHHS & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Legislative Update
 - Karla Ruest announced the following bills passed in December: SB1015 and SB1016 BCBA/BCaBA Licensure; HB 5664 State Employees' Retirement Act; HB 5782 Disclose Mental Health Services as necessary; HIPAA bill; HB5409-HB5417 School Seclusion and Restraint. These bills are scheduled to be signed by the Governor before the end of December.
- 298 Update
 - Lynda Zeller discussed Section 298's 3 recommendation components within the report: policy level; financial models; and benchmarks. The 298 report may be available mid-January and the financial and benchmark models will be proposed in March 2017. Lynda said the recommendations have been published for public comment, and a public forum will be held on January 3, 2017. http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_76181---.00.html

Integrative Care

- Certificate of Need Presentation
 - Beth Nagel presented on the Certificate of Need (CON), which is a health regulatory program codified in-state law. The program is administered by MDHHS and is intended to balance cost, quality, and access to 15 different services within the state. CON started in the early 1970s as a Federal mandate and every state has since developed modifications to it. Michigan developed policy program in the late 1970s and in 1986 the federal mandate was rescinded. Currently, there are 38 states with CON policy programs. The last reform in Michigan was in 2002.
- Continuum of Care Discussion
 - The Autism Council discussed key points from the CON presentation. Each member shared how the information presented impacts their work pertaining to individuals with ASD, as well as, additional questions they have regarding the Certificate of Need (see attached CON Discussion Notes). The Autism Council will continue Continuum of Care presentations at future Autism Council meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Autism Resources and Dissemination
 - Geralyn Lasher and Angela Minicuci will provide update at the February 24 Council meeting.

STANDING REPORTS

- Krista Clancy reported Wayne State University is doing assessment of ABA degree programs in Michigan and supports for students with ASD/DD at the universities. Stacie is also doing an assessment of university offerings and they will collaborate on efforts. MDHHS is also working on ABA degree program fact sheet and will work with Krista too.
- Colleen Allen reported the last insurance committee meeting focused on speech and occupational therapy commercial insurance approvals. Meeting notes were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 P.M. The next Autism Council meeting is **February 24, 2017** in the **Lewis Cass 1st floor North Conference Room**.

ACTION ITEMS

WHO	Will do WHAT	By WHEN
Cathy Kirby	Look at adequate provider network compared to CON	February 24, 2017
Cathy Kirby	DIFS will develop a consumer awareness campaign to raise consumer understanding of their appeal and external review rights, including the denial of health care services for ASD	February 24, 2017
Beth Nagel / Lisa Grost	Discuss process to communicate ASD-specific needs to inform CON Commission.	February 24, 2017
Joanne Winkelman / Diane Heinzelman	Present / discuss access to special education programs and services, including the Seclusion and Restraint legislation passed on December 15, 2016.	February 24, 2017