
The Michigan Autism Council



AUTISM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lewis Cass Building
Friday, August 28, 2015
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
Wayne Fuqua	Western Michigan University, State Universities
Scott Gilman	Network 180, Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans
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
Stacie Rulison, Secretary	ASD Community (Parent)
Jane Turner	Michigan State University, Medical Centers/ Health Care Providers
Joanne Winkelman	Michigan Department of Education
COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED	ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION
Amy Matthews, Vice-Chairperson	Grand Valley State University, State-funded Initiatives
George Mellos	Hawthorn Center, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
MDHHS STAFF PRESENT	MDHHS ORGANIZATION
Tim Becker	MDHHS Chief Deputy Director
Hailey DuBreuil	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Section
Brie Elsasser	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Section
Lisa Grost	Children & Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Section
Farah Hanley	Financial Operations
Lynda Zeller	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
GUESTS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley	State of Michigan
Chris Rans	Autism Specialist/ Rans Consulting
Kelli Saunders	State of Michigan
William Voss	Autism Centers of Michigan
Maureen Ziegler	START

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 the Council Members, MDHHS staff, and guests was completed.

Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley shared his 2016 autism related priorities of education and employment.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Chair Diane Heinzelman called for a **MOTION** to approve the June minutes. Mary Chaliman made a **MOTION** to approve the June minutes. Anthony Ianni **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION** carried.

MDHHS & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Farah Hanley, Deputy Director of MDHHS Financial Operations, provided a budget update for fiscal year 2017. The State of Michigan is expecting significant short falls to the budget in fiscal year 2017. Farah encouraged Council members to consider metrics of success when advocating for funding a particular program or initiative.

Lisa Grost reported Karla Ruest, MDHHS Legislative Liaison, met with Senator Warren to discuss introducing a bill to license Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA). Karla anticipates the bill will be introduced in October. As more information is available, Lisa Grost will update Council members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Rans spoke about a program in Huron Valley Schools which provides support for high functioning males with ASD.

ADULT COMMITTEE Presentation

Stacie Rulison and Maureen Ziegler presented the work and recommendations of the Transition and Adult Services Subcommittee (now the Adult Committee). Council members will vote to approve the committee recommendations electronically on September 11, 2015.

STANDING REPORTS

• Autism Update –

- Cathy Kirby discussed the Autism Coverage Fund Reimbursement Summary. Approximately \$6 million remains in the fund. DIFS, in collaboration with MDHHS, is developing an insurance report on ASD services and applied behavior analysis services provided since the implementation of legislative reform for commercial insurance and the Medicaid and MICHild Autism Benefit.
- Colleen Allen reported Autism Alliance of Michigan held a parent conference in Traverse City with 100 attendees and also mentioned an upcoming run and fundraiser in October. AAoM's network of families continues to grow.
- Joanne Winkelman reported the autism consultant position has been filled and she will share more details once the agreement is finalized.
- Jane Turner reported Michigan State University is working to become an approved autism evaluation center and is collaborating with the community mental health.
- Anthony Ianni reported the nationwide Relentless Tour will start the following week.
- Wayne Fuqua reported Central Michigan University hosted a VB-MAPP workshop last month and Western Michigan University will host the Michigan Autism Conference in October. Western Michigan University received approval to open an approved autism evaluation center and is having

its grand opening September 11. WMU has also recently purchased an autism service clinic and will soon start building renovations.

- Mary Chaliman reported on a recent autism training to Health Liaison Officers. MDHHS is developing trainings for foster care families and child protective services workers. Autism Alliance of Michigan presented on autism at a statewide foster parent conference.
- Scott Gilman reported the field continues to prepare for the age expansion of the Medicaid and MICHild Autism Benefit.
- Lisa Grost reported the Autism Program is conducting site visits for universities receiving funding from MDHHS and prepaid inpatient health plans (PIHPs). PIHP compliance for the Medicaid and MICHild Autism Benefit has improved tremendously over the past year. The Autism Program recently analyzed data from the Medicaid and MICHild Autism Benefit Capacity Survey. There are currently 120 BCBA's and 75 other qualified professionals supervising ABA for children enrolled in the autism benefit.

- **Autism Support Services Initiative –**

- Colleen Allen reported Autism Alliance of Michigan's MINavigator program has 157 closed family cases and 143 active cases. AAoM hired an educational consultant and plans to add operators in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Autism Council Membership –**

- Four council seats are up for reappointment on September 30, 2015. Members still interested in membership should submit an application for reappointment.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2015 ASD State Plan Annual Report**

- Stacie Rulison and Amy Matthews will coordinate the 2015 ASD State Plan Annual Report. A template will be sent to members and feedback should be sent to Stacie and Amy by October 1 so the report can be reviewed at the October Autism Council meeting.

- **Education Based Evaluation for ASD**

- Joanne Winkelman and Diane Heinzelman presented a document created by the Autism Council Education Subcommittee to provide guidance to schools to develop evaluation processes. Council members will vote to approve the committee recommendations electronically on September 8, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Early Childhood Committee–**

- The Early Childhood Committee has met twice this year since the reorganization of Autism Council Committees. The last meeting was used to discuss collaboration opportunities between members.

- **Child and Youth Committee –**

- The Child and Youth Committee will meet for the first time on September 29th.

- **Insurance committee –**

- The Insurance Committee has mainly been working in groups. They recently held a documentation meeting and recent discussions have included insurer reporting requirements and outcomes evaluations. An action plan for the committee will be developed and presented to members of the Autism Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at **11:55 P.M.** The next Autism Council meeting will be on *October 30, 2015* in the Lewis Cass 5th floor Large Conference Room.

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES – Results of Electronic Vote for Approval of Documents

- Education-based Evaluation for ASD
 - September 8, 2015, a call for a motion to approve the *Education –based Evaluation for ASD* was made by Diane Heinzelman. Joanne Winkelman made a motion to approve. Anthony Ianni seconded the motion. Ten votes of “Approved” were made by members of council. Motion Carried.
- Transition and Adult Services Committee Phase 1 Recommendations
 - September 10, 2015, a call for a motion to approve the *Transition and Adult Services Committee Phase 1 Recommendations* was made by Diane Heinzelman. Joanne Winkelman made a motion to approve. Mary Chaliman seconded the motion. Eleven votes of “Approved” were made by members of council. Motion Carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Activity/Outcome	Who	By When	Comments	Status
Electronically vote on Transition and Adult Services Subcommittee Recommendations	Members	9/8/2015	See addendum	Complete
Electronically vote on Education-Based Evaluations for ASD document	Members	9/8/2015	See addendum	Complete
Submit application for membership reappointment	Members with terms expiring 9/30/2015	9/8/2015		
2015 ASD State Plan Report Feedback to Stacie and Amy	Members	10/1/2015		
Insurance Committee Action Plan	Colleen Allen	10/1/2015		