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# The Michigan Autism Council

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## AUTISM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 23, 2021

9:00 am – 11:15 am

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION
Diane Heinzelman, Chairperson	MDHHS Appointed Position
Colleen Allen	Autism Alliance of Michigan, Non-Profit Organization serving those with ASD
Martin Baum	Parent, ASD Community
Krista Boe	Autism Centers of Michigan, Certified Behavior Analysts
Mary Chaliman	MDHHS, Child Welfare
Jacob Daar	Northern Michigan University, State Universities
Dana Lasenby	Oakland Community Health Network, Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans/Community Mental Health Service Programs
Amy Matthews, Vice-Chair	Grand Valley State University, State-funded Initiatives
Rebecca McIntyre	Michigan Department of Education
George Mellos, MD	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services
Amy Miilu	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services
Jenny Piatt	Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Employment Services
Kent Rehmann	Summit Pointe, Recipient Rights
Lauren Ringle, Secretary	Intermediate School Districts and Local Schools
Neelkamal Soares, MD	Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine, Health Care Providers
Frank Vaca	Self-Advocate, ASD Community
COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED	ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION
Brian DeBano	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
MDHHS STAFF PRESENT	MDHHS REPRESENTATION
Vendela Collins	Developmental Disabilities Council
Tracy Crockett	State Hospital Administration
Lisa Grost	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration / State Hospital Administration
Belinda Hawks	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
Kristen Jordan	Financial Operations Administration
Mary Luchies	State Hospital Administration
Jeff Spitzley	Legislative Affairs
Marina Wyrzykowski	Legislative Affairs
GUESTS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
Heather Eckner	Autism Alliance of Michigan; and MI-LEND Trainee
Marianna Fraga	Henry Ford Hospital
Representative Ben Frederick	House of Representatives
Kimatha Greer	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Kristen Hjelmstad	Easter Seals
Holly Hollins	Self-Advocate

Jennifer Jager	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Lt. Sarah Krebs	Michigan State Police
Mark Laman	Developmental Enhancement Behavioral Health
Joanna Lofton	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Jill Matson	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Jennifer Mues	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Hetal Patel	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Courtney Stegman	Central Michigan University
Chaunta Tsegaye	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Jennifer Van Cleve	Oakland Community Health Network

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Autism Council meeting was called to order by Diane Heinzelman at 9:01 am. 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**

Diane Heinzelman called for a **MOTION** to approve the February minutes. Martin Baum made a **MOTION** to approve the February minutes. Kent Rehmann **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION** carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**MDHHS UPDATES**

Financial Operations Administration-Budget: Kristen Jordan reported on the FY22 Executive Budget, FY22 House Subcommittee Budget and FY22 Senate Subcommittee Behavioral Health Items. *Presentation attached.*

Legislative Update: Marina Wyrzykowski reported on the following bills:

**New:**

[House Bill 4657](#) (Kahle) – *Includes parent-implemented model of intervention as a part of the definition of treatment of autism spectrum disorders* - No Lead, received a hearing in House Health Policy 4/22/21

Colleen Allen shared the Autism Alliance of Michigan’s position statement on this bill, and it is *attached*.

[Senate Bill 321](#) (Santana) - *Provides development or adoption of professional development standards for teachers on mental health first aid* – EDU/LEGAL Lead, no movement.

[Senate Resolution 38](#) (Hertel, C.) / [House Resolution 88](#) (Calley) - *A resolution to recognize April 2021 as Autism Acceptance Month* – adopted.

**Updates:**

[House Bill 4057](#) (Anthony) – *expands definition of restraint in Mental Health Code* – DHHS Lead, no movement, analysis/recommended language nearing finalization (collaboration w/ Recipient Rights, BHDDA, Legal).

[House Bill 4059](#) (Wendzel) – *modifies autism evaluation review process requirements for Medicaid benefit eligibility* – DHHS Lead, received a hearing in House Health Policy 4/22/21, internal policy in progress.

[House Bill 4071/4072](#) (Kahle/Calley) – *Includes abuse of a vulnerable child as second degree child abuse, enacts sentencing guidelines* – DTMB/MSP/MDOC Lead, received hearing, reported to House Judiciary Committee on 3/16/21.

[House Bill 4254](#) (Lightner) – *creates uniform mental health prescreening tool for jail intake* – MDOC Lead, no movement.

[Senate Bill 101](#) (McBroom) / [House Bill 4414](#) (LaFave) - *create standards and licensing requirements for mental health transport for involuntary psych hospitalization* – DHHS/LEGAL/MSP Lead, no movement, defer to MSP.

[Senate Bill 191](#) (VanderWall) - *expands definition of mental health professional to include physician assistants, certified nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists-certified, and allow them to perform certain examinations* – DHHS Lead, received a hearing in Senate Health Policy on 4/20/21.

State Hospital Administration: Dr. George Mellos reported the Michigan Health Endowment Fund grant award is furthering the implementation of Applied Behavioral Treatment at Hawthorn and Caro Hospitals, and soon Kalamazoo Hospital.

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA): Belinda Hawks shared BHDDA will be host stakeholder engagement events in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, and to get input on how to improve services. Mental health resources shared included:

- Association Children’s Mental Health Walk in My Shoes Event: <http://www.acmh-mi.org/walk-in-my-shoes/>
- Stay Well Teen’s Support Group Sessions: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpcu6rqDooGdJDuhvQba3\\_y1TJc0BH3XU2](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpcu6rqDooGdJDuhvQba3_y1TJc0BH3XU2)

Behavioral Health Treatment 2063-BHDDA: Belinda Hawks reported the policy is complete and will be distributed May 5, 2021.

FY21 ASD Legislative Workgroup Report (Section 959): Belinda Hawks shared the Report. Council members discussed the variability of the data reported in it. They noted the Medicaid Autism Services Workgroup, through collective agreement, designated the Autism Council as “the venue in which Medicaid autism services updates and department progress related to these recommendations is shared and discussed”. It is not posted yet, however, it was proved as an *attachment*.

[FY21 Medicaid Autism Services \(Section 960\):](#) Belinda Hawks reported the Medicaid Autism Services costs as defined in Section 960 has been submitted.

### **New Business**

Autism Acceptance – Elevate the Conversation: Frank Vaca and Amy Matthews provided a presentation on Understanding, Acknowledging, and Respecting the Voices of the Autism Community. *Presentation attached.*

### **Presentations: Safety Planning**

Missing with Autism: Lt. Sarah Krebs, Michigan State Police (MSP), provided a presentation on resources to assist with missing individuals, including Amber Alert, Endangered Missing and Nixle Advisory. MSP will train 1,200 staff on autism safety in April 2021. *Presentation attached.*

MI Autism Safety Trainings and Safety Plans: Collen Allen and Hetal Patel reported on the Autism Safety Trainings, Resources, Navigator. *Presentation attached.*

[Vulnerable and Impaired Person Enrollment \(VIP\)](#): Representative Ben Frederick presented on VIP and asked Council to promote enrollment.

Council members discussed need to research the autism safety trainings that provide law enforcement credits through Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). Seek to confirm law enforcement does need to attend one (1) three-hour mental illness and developmental disability course that provides definitions, identifies common behaviors, defines an officer’s legal authority to act, and outlines ways to appropriately respond in situations involving individuals with mental illness and/or developmental disabilities. Diane Heinzelman, Colleen Allen, and Lisa Grost will provide additional information at the June meeting.

**Member Updates**

Neelkamal Soares, MD and Jacob Daar reported the MI-LEND five-year competitive renewal application has been submitted to the US Health Resources and Services Administration and they should have the results of the application by June 5, 2021.

Diane Heinzelman adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am. The next Autism Council meeting is **June 25, 2021**.

**ACTION ITEMS**

<b>WHO</b>	<b>Will do WHAT</b>	<b>By WHEN</b>
Belinda Hawks	<u>Public Act 282 (20)</u> : Inquire on the possibility of adding licensed behavior analysts to the list of professions recognized in the centralized credentialing system.	3/15/21
Belinda Hawks	Distribute Behavioral Health Treatment 2063-BHDDA	5/05/21
Colleen Allen (lead), Diane Heinzelman, Lisa Grost, Amy Miilu	Draft clarification/position paper in support of HB4657 that amends the insurance code to include Parent implemented model of intervention” as a covered benefit and then share it with Council.	5/14/2021
All	Send June agenda suggestions to Lisa Grost.	6/04/21
All	ASD State Plan Workgroups – Update Reporting Forms	6/04/21
Diane Heinzelman, Colleen Allen, Lisa Grost	Research and report on the autism safety trainings and related initiatives occurring in Michigan.	6/25/21