
The Michigan Autism Council



AUTISM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Friday, August 27, 2021 9:00 am – 12 pm

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
George Mellos, MD	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services
Rebecca McIntyre	Michigan Department of Education
Amy Miilu	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services
Jenny Piatt	Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Employment Services
Kent Rehmann	Summit Pointe, Recipient Rights
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
Lauren Ringle, Secretary	Intermediate School Districts and Local Schools
MDHHS STAFF PRESENT	MDHHS REPRESENTATION
Leslie Asman	Legal Affairs Administration
Lisa Grost	Policy, Planning and Organizational Support Administration
Krista Hausermann	Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities Administration
Al Jansen	Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities Administration
Kristen Jordan	Financial Operations Administration
Phil Kurdunowicz	Office of the Chief Deputy of Administration
Marina Wyrzykowski	Legislative Affairs
GUESTS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
Kara Brooklier	Children's Center of Michigan/Wayne State University
Jessica Corliss	Michigan Department of Education
Amanda Elliott	Saginaw Community Mental Health Authority
Tyler Gross	Michigan Rehabilitation Services
Nikki Hamp	University of Michigan/Mott Children's Hospital
Heather Isaacson	Northern Michigan University
Amy Idzior	White Pine Middle School

Tisha Johnson	Henry Ford Health Hospital/Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities
Joanna Lofton	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Jacquelyn Mayowski	Creating Brighter Futures
Holly Miller	Self-Advocate
Julie Pratt	Comprehensive Speech and Therapy Center
Abby Railling	MORC, Inc.
Mary Schrier	Community Mental Health of Central Michigan
Chaunta Tsegaye	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Jennifer Van Cleve	Oakland Community Health Network
Ebony Williams	Oakland County Health Network

CALL TO ORDER

The Autism Council meeting was called to order by Diane Heinzelman at 9:03 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 June minutes. Martin Baum made a **MOTION** to approve the June minutes. Colleen Allen **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION** carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kara Brooklier, PhD shared a summary of the Autism Evaluation and Treatment Trainings provided in fiscal year 2021. Highlights included 12 trainings, 958 attendees (average 165 per training), 30 percent were first time attendees, and 12 Michigan subject matter experts from multiple disciplines provided the trainings. Evaluations were very positive with strong evidence the attendees would like trainings to be provided in future years. *Presentation attached.*

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) UPDATES

KB vs MDHHS/MI Kids Now: Leslie Asman and Phil Kurdunowicz reported MDHHS is in an interim agreement with the KB vs MDHHS suit which was filed due to children/youth not provided with EPSDT behavioral health services. KB vs MDHHS legal teams are working on a final settlement. The MDHHS will engage with several stakeholders, including the Autism Council members, families and youth, and providers to improve the behavioral health services to children/youth and families. *Presentation attached.*

Financial Operations Administration-Budget: Kristen Jordan reported FY22 Budget negotiations are occurring and there are not any FY22 Budget updates since the June Autism Council meeting.

Legislative Update: Marina Wyrzykowski reported on the following bills:

Senate Bills 597 and 598 (Shirkey, Bizon) – Provides a specialty integrated plan in behavioral health services; provides updates regarding the transition from PIHPs to specialty integration plans – DHHS Lead, referred to Senate Government Operations, expected to be taken up in committee when Session resumes in September.

State Hospital Administration: On behalf of Dr. George Mellos, Lisa Grost reported State Psychiatric Hospitals had very few COVID cases over the last two month. The Hospitals, including the Applied Behavior Treatment specialty units, are experiencing a delay in discharging patients due to a lack of home and

community-based services and residential options not readily available.

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA):

Behavioral Health Treatment 2063-BHDDA/Medicaid Bulletin 21-20 Behavioral Health Evaluation: Al Jansen reported no update.

FY21 ASD Legislative Workgroup Report (Section 959) Activity Update: Al Jansen reported no update.

Michigan Crisis and Access Line (MiCAL): Krista Hausermann reported the Michigan Crisis and Access Line (MiCAL) is active in the Upper Peninsula and Oakland counties. Hausermann indicated the crisis services and reporting system are in development, will expand statewide in 2022. *Infographic attached.*

New Business

2021 Annual Report: Amy Matthews led discussion of the development of the 2021 Annual Report. The members requested the 2021 template include the 2020 items for reference. The template will be sent to members by September 15, 2021, and members will return the draft by October 8, 2021. The Annual Report is due December 1.

Presentation:

Parent Implemented Models of Intervention (PIMI): As a follow-up to the June meeting, the Autism Council PIMI ad hoc workgroup recommended a PIMI presentation to increase members understanding and promote discussion. Brooke Ingersoll, PhD, Michigan State University professor, provided council with this overview. *Presentation attached.*

Old Business:

State Plan Goal Committees:

Each goal committee chair provided members with a summary of work and 1-3 recommendations which will form the basis of a work plan. The following are the identified priorities for each goal committee.

- Adult Services and Supports: Jenny Piatt reported 1) improve service coordination across public adult service systems, 2) Increase focus on pre-employment training services starting at age 14 for individuals significantly impacted by their disability, and 3) Enhance housing and living options models with local resources are recommended for the Autism Community. *Presentation attached.*
- Physical Mental and Behavioral Health Care: Neel Soares reported 1) the workforce and training to provide quality, evidenced based assessment and interventions for individuals with autism spectrum disorder with high needs/severe challenging behaviors are Michigan priorities. *Presentation attached.*
- Infrastructure: Jacob Daar reported 1) Continuation of the Autism Council, with broad, statewide representation, to advise the Governor's office, oversee the Michigan ASD State Plan, and promote statewide collaboration to meet recommendations. *Presentation attached*

Goal Committee Meetings: Diane Heinzelman reported she has been meeting with Committee chairs to address challenges with designated committee work time. Members provided feedback to be used as part of the problem-solving process.

Member Updates:

No member updates provided at this meeting.

Diane Heinzelman adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm. The next Autism Council meeting is **October 22, 2021.**

ACTION ITEMS

WHO	Will do WHAT	By WHEN
Amy Matthews and Lisa Grost	Send members the Annual Report Template for completion	9/15/21
All	Send Annual Report updates to Amy Matthews and Lisa Grost	10/08/21
All	Send October agenda suggestions to Lisa Grost.	10/08/21