

The Michigan Autism Council



AUTISM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
South Grand Tower, Conference Rooms K & L
Friday, February 28, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION
Farah Hanley, Chairperson	MDHHS, Financial Operations Administration
Amy Matthews, Vice-Chair	Grand Valley State University, State-funded Initiatives
Colleen Allen	Autism Alliance of Michigan, Non-Profit Organization serving those with ASD
Krista Boe	Autism Centers of Michigan, Certified Behavior Analysts
Mary Chaliman	MDHHS, Child Welfare
Krista Clancy	Wayne State University, State Universities
Stefani Hines	Beaumont Hospital, Medical Centers/ Health Care Providers
Kent Rehmann	Summit Pointe, Recipient Rights
Dana Lasenby	Detroit-Wayne Integrated Health Network, Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans/Community Mental Health Service Programs
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
Frank Vaca	Self-Advocate, ASD Community
COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED	ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION
Brian DeBano	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Stacie Rulison, Secretary	Parent, ASD Community
Lauren Ringle	Public Schools of Petoskey, Intermediate School Districts and Local Schools
MDHHS STAFF PRESENT	MDHHS REPRESENTATION
Lisa Grost	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
Mary Luchies	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
GUESTS PRESENT	ORGANIZATION
Anna Ansara	Wayne State University
Nina Bihani	Wayne State University
Mike Dow	MI Behavior Analysis Providers Association
Jill Idicula	Wayne State University
Mark Laman	Developmental Enhancements
Fatima Othman	Wayne State University
Talah Saleem	Wayne State University
Emily Tricomo	Wayne State University

CALL TO ORDER

The Autism Council meeting was called to order by Farah Hanley at 9:10 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

Farah Hanley called for a **MOTION** to approve the December minutes. Amy Matthews made a **MOTION** to approve the December minutes. Krista Boe **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION** carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Dow representing the Michigan Behavior Analysis Provider Association reported to the Association represents two-thirds of the Applied Behavior Analysis Providers in Michigan. Their ask is restoring the minimum of \$50 per hour for behavior technician direct service; standardize processes and contracts throughout the public behavioral health system; eliminate annual re-evaluations.

MDHHS UPDATES

- Farah Hanley reported the state budget is \$11B. MDHHS total budget is \$27B with federal, state, local and grant funding. New investments include expansion of Healthy Moms / Healthy Babies, State infrastructure on Social Determinants of Health, Behavioral Health Transformation, Staff for State Psychiatric Hospitals, Non-Medicaid services, Long Term Care Supports, Private Duty Nursing, and Dental Oral Health Screenings, Opioid Crisis Response Work, MiDOCs Initiative, and Lead Prevention Fund.

ASD Legislative Workgroup Report Discussion

- Colleen Allen motioned to support implementation of all 2020 ASD Legislative Workgroup Recommendations. Frank Vaca seconded the motion. All members supported this motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Rebecca McIntyre reported SB 657 will change the requirements of the Interim Teaching Certificate and allow ITC to be allowed to teach special education.
- Rebecca McIntyre reported HB 5297 expands screening and recommendations of students being recommended for a comprehensive eye and vision exam by the parents/family.

NEW BUSINESS

- Krista Clancy indicated the Family Engagement Priority Workgroup is going to meet today at 11 am and discuss the next action items of creating resources for families, creating resources for school staff and creating education opportunities for families through state conferences.

STANDING REPORTS

- Brian DeBano sent a written update: LARA has licensed 1,122 behavior analysts including 1,044 BCBAs and 78 BCaBAs.
- Lauren Ringel submitted the following report to Council:
 1. Christi Owens, chair of the MAASE ASD CoP, is coordinating updating the Medicaid document for families who have children with IFSPs/IEPs. Current members of the work are Lisa Grost, Kevin Bauer, Kelly Rogers, Lauren Ringle, and Christi Owens.

2. There will be amendments to MARSE. Biggest impact for local districts is that a resident district designee must attend IEPs for students who are being serviced in ISD programs. More information will be distributed.
 3. Updates have been made by MDE/Michigan Alliance for Families in [Family Matters](#). These includes updates for parents on ABA, EDPs, MTSS, and Personal Curriculum.
- Frank Vaca reported Developmental Disabilities Council is coordinating a Self-Advocacy Day on March 3, 2020.
 - Jenny Piatt reported Michigan will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the ADA in July. The initiative is being lead by the Governor’s office.
 - Jenny Piatt reported Vocation Rehabilitation Services will be utilizing new consensus data.
 - Krista Clancy reported on the Michigan Innovations in Care Coordination Project to improve access to coordinated and integrated care.
 - Colleen Allen shared sensory resource bags for Emergency Responders and clinicians.

Farah Hanley adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. The next Autism Council meeting will be on **April 24, 2020** at the Michigan Career and Technical Institute.

ACTION ITEMS

WHO	Will do WHAT	By WHEN
Farah Hanley	MDHHS Healthy Moms PowerPoint	3/02/20
Jenny Piatt	Assist with the Autism Council with the April meeting at Michigan Career Technical Institute.	3/15/20