



The New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders
Putting the Pieces Together

Council Meeting Friday May 9th, 2014 11am – 1pm
ATECH 57 Regional Drive, Concord, NH

Council Members In Attendance : Brian Huckins, June Adinah, Adrienne Evans, Pamela DiNapoli, Amy Frechette, Liz Collins, Heather Gage, Viki Gayhardt, Mary Schuh, Sarah Aiken Jennifer Pineo (Liaison to the Council).

Members of Public In Attendance: Karen Rosenberg' Martha Jean Madison, Lesley Blecharczyk, Kathryn Devoe

Nominations

The council created a process for nominations and how it would work. Nomination committee consisted of Viki Gayhardt, Teresa Bolick, and Mary Schuh There were 3 applicants for the seat on the council appointed by the council. All had varying skills and strengths. The committee recommends Ellen Boudreau for the seat. **Motion:** Viki motioned to accept the nomination committees recommendation of Ellen Boudreau, Mary seconded. All in Favor, Motion Passed. There is still an open seat for a Self Advocate appointed by the Council.

Council Officers

If anyone is interested in becoming an officer of the council. Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, send to the nominating committee.

Quality Council

Jennifer explained the Quality Council's role. The legislation was amended to allow for a seat for the NH Council on ASD (there was a seat for the Autism Society, but it no longer exists). Brian Huckins will attend the Council Meetings as a representative for the ASD Council.

All Abilities Walk

May 17th – Rain or shine (being held at in door facility. If anyone wants to volunteer please contact Adrienne or Brian

DOT Presentation

DOT requested to have a presentation as a part of their lunch and learn sessions. Viki and Amy volunteered to present. Brian will email Judith from the DOT and connect them with Viki and Amy.

Website Update

There is a calendar feature on the website, council should decide if we are going to continue this. One possibility would be to have a moderator and have people enter the information. There are currently funds that can be used toward the website.

Work Group Updates

Planning Grant Needs Assessment Work Group-Jenn

Focus Groups will be held beginning in June. If anyone wants to volunteer to be a note taker or facilitator for the Stakeholder (world café) forums please let Jennifer know.

Screening and Diagnosis Work Group-Liz

The Work Group is currently looking at the Connecticut Act Early Team Diagnosis Guidelines and how it syncs with New Hampshire. They have split the document into three sections to review. They will review the CDC report on prevalence next. NH will have a CDC Act Early

Ambassador for a 3rd year. The current ambassador is Jen Doris. The registry date for FY'13 looked similar to FY'12.

ESS/DDC Work Group - Adrienne

The group had a meeting with the DD Council discussing the Autism Proposal. Looking at the rules within the proposal. There is confusion about using Area Agency Services or if they could use outside OT/PT/SLP and other services. Part C money is used for Autism Proposal

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Liz Collins motioned to approve February 7th, 2014 Minutes, Mary Schuh Seconded. All in Favor. Sarah Aiken abstained.

Bureau of Developmental Services – Liz Collins (for Lorene Reagan)

BDS is working on Step 2 design. There is no new date identified. Department decided to add two new benefits: Substance abuse and Services like ABA (Intensive Behavioral Benefit - IBB). Liz is the lead for IBB. The Department is leaning towards having the benefit being in the State Plan (vs being a waiver).

Liz is a part of an Ad Hoc Work Group to look at State Benefits including Service Design, Rules/Legislation, and Funding Matrix.

Scope of the work includes a state team that will present to stakeholders.

The draft charter is currently getting approval.

The department would like the Council to create a work group to look at this. Adrienne will lead the work group.

Motion: Sarah motioned to create the Ad Hoc Work Group to look at the IBI Benefit. Mary Seconded. All in favor Motion passed.

2014 Meeting Dates

Friday September 5th and Friday November 7th