

Missouri Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders
August 19, 2009
Minutes

PRESENT:

Heidi Atkins Lieberman, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (via teleconference)
Lee Bascom, LCSW, Parent representative
Rebecca Blackwell, MA, BR-ASIP Autism Services
Jean-Paul Bovee, MA, MLS, Constituent Representative
David Crowe, DDS, Tailor Institute
Tiffany Daniels, Constituent representative
Janet Farmer, PhD, ABPP, MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders
Connie Hebert, M Ed, Director, Southeast Missouri State University Autism Center for Diagnosis and Treatment
Michele Kilo, MD, Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics
Vicki McCarrell, MA, Executive Director, Unlimited Opportunities, Inc.
Ian McCaslin, MD, Director, MO HealthNet Division, Department of Social Services
John Mantovani, MD, St. John's Mercy Medical Center
Sandy Rempe, Program Manager, Department of Public Safety
Anne Roux, MA, CCC-SLP, Executive Director, MO-FEAT
Scott T. Rupp, Senate Majority Representative
Dwight Scharnhorst, House Majority Representative
Sue Schoemehl, House Minority Representative
Bernard Simons, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Mental Health
Robert Stein, PhD, Department of Higher Education
Molly White, Healthcare Specialist and Insurance Regulatory Manager, Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
Phyllis Wolfram, MS, Director of Special Services, Ozark School District

STAFF:

Julia Kaufmann, Director, Office of Autism Services
Kit Glover, Coordinator, Office of Autism Services
Katherine Pigg, Project Specialist, Office of Autism Services
Dana Opie, Assistant to the Director, Office of Autism Services
Monica Hoy, Office of the Director, DMH

ABSENT:

Paula Baker, MS, Ozark Center
Gary Harbison, Director, Bureau of Special Health Care Needs, Department of Health and Senior Services
Jeff Smith, Senate Minority Representative

GUESTS:

Anita Contreras, District Administrator, Division of DD
Katie Dunne, MS, Project Development Specialist, MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
Robin Marsh, PhD/NCSP, Senior Training Coordinator, MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
Darla Wilkerson, Director of Employment and Training, Division of DD

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Topic or Issue	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<p>Bernard Simons, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed newly appointed Commissioners David Crowe, Michele Kilo, Jean-Paul Bovee, and Paula Baker. Director Simons also welcomed Anita Contreras, Katie Dunne, Robin Marsh, and Darla Wilkerson, guests who are assisting in the work of the 4 Commission subcommittees meetings today.</p> <p>Director Simons announced to the Commission that the agenda would need to be flexible today in order to allow Commissioners the opportunity to attend services for the late Governor Warren E. Hearnes at the Capitol Rotunda. He announced that DMH was providing vans and cars to transport Commissioners to the capital.</p>
Review of Subcommittee Process	<p>Kit Glover reviewed the proposed Flow Chart of subcommittee work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicki McCarrell suggested that there be a list of acronyms compiled. <p>Julia Kaufmann reviewed the contents of the Resource Folders that were provided to the Commission, which included the resources listed on the flow chart.</p>
Subcommittee Meetings	<p>Subcommittees convened at 9:20 a.m. to review Resource Packet materials and report back. Commission reconvened at 10:50 a.m.</p>
State Agency Reports	<p>Heidi Atkins Lieberman, unable to attend in person, provided a webcast presentation to the Commission reviewing the documents she provided about the structure of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Division of Special Education. She attended this portion of meeting via teleconference in order to respond to questions.</p>
“Framework for the Future” Status Report	<p>Julia Kaufmann discussed the draft status report “Framework for the Future” to the Commission. She thanked members for responding with feedback for revisions. She reiterated the 2 primary goals of the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To inform and educate, and • To illuminate the role of the Commission <p>Jean-Paul Bovee moved that the status report be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the governor and</p>

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	General Assembly. Dr. Stein seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Lunch	Representative Scharnhorst announced that the Speaker of the House has established an Interim Committee on Autism Spectrum Disorders and is requesting information from the Commission for that committee.
State Agency Reports - continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Rempe explained the structure of the Department of Public Safety and indicated that the role of the Department of Public Safety would become more apparent as the work of the Commission and its subcommittees progresses. • Dr. McCaslin reported on Missouri's Medicaid program, administered by the MO HealthNet Division.
Missouri Autism Guidelines Initiative; Developmental Screening	<p>Dr. Mantovani provided an update to the Commission on the work of the Missouri Autism Guidelines Initiative.</p> <p>Dr. Farmer gave an overview of the Missouri Developmental Screening Collaborative.</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
Next Meeting	Wednesday, November 18, 2009, in Conference Rooms A & B, Department of Mental Health, Jefferson City