

MO COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS PROTOCOL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEETINGS

The Missouri Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders invites interested parties to provide public comment at its meetings on issues related to autism spectrum disorders. The Commission has agreed to reserve 15 minutes at its meetings for public comment.

Please observe the following considerations when scheduling time to speak:

1. Public comment should include topics that have the potential to impact more than just one person.
2. Names of individuals served by the state (DMH, DESE, etc.) should not be used in public comments.

The following process should be helpful in scheduling time before the Commission:

1. Public comment should be received in the Office of Autism Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities no later than 10 business days in advance of the Commission meeting.
2. Public comment must be submitted in written form and will become part of the public record.
3. Specific issues, if such exist, addressed in public comment shall be referred by the Office of Autism Services to be the appropriate agency for resolution/research.
4. The Office of Autism Services shall contact the author of public comment to verify identity and authorship, provide specific information about the process for addressing the Commission, and schedule time before the Commission.
5. In the interest of time, public comment by each individual will generally be limited to 5 minutes.
6. If individuals wishing to address the Commission must be put on a waiting list; removal from that list will occur in numerical order.

Please refer questions about this process to the Office of Autism Services by emailing the following individuals or by calling 573-526-3848: Julia.Kaufmann@dmh.mo.gov or Kit.Glover@dmh.mo.gov or Dana.Opie@dmh.mo.gov