

<b>Meeting: ASD Task Force</b>		<b>Location:</b> PolyCom Sites & Bismarck Prairie Hills Plaza		
		<b>Date:</b> June 30, 2014		
<b>Facilitator:</b>	JoAnne Hoesel, Chairperson	<b>Minutes:</b>	JoAnne Hoesel	
<b>Task Force Members Present</b>	Kim Hruby, Dr. Tom Carver, Tom Gaffaney, Nancy Ulrich-Crotty, Connie Lillejord, Teresa Larsen, John Porter, Gerry Teevens, JoAnne Hoesel, Carol Johnson			
<b>Other state staff present</b>	Trisha Page, Amanda Carlson, Kodi Berg, Lynn Dodge			
<p>Introductions were made. Kodi Berg, Department of Health, the person hired to develop and implement the autism registry was introduced to the task force. Minutes from the March 2014 meeting were approved with minor adjustments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Consensus Council Autism Group</u> – Information was presented on the activities of a group of individuals with interest in autism services in ND that started meeting during the last legislative session and has decided to continue meetings. The goal of this group is advocacy. They had their first organizational meeting 6 weeks ago. As there are various view points on autism, this is a good venue to build consolidated voice. They will meet as needed. If people are interested in participating in this group, they are to contact Teresa Larsen from Protection and Advocacy.</li> <li>• <u>SAND Grant update</u> – They have held trainings for childcare and medical providers. No further trainings are scheduled. August 2014 is the end of the grant unless they receive an extension. The resource booklet has been updated and it will be distributed. A map of the number of trainings held was reviewed and is available upon request. All but 9 counties received training. In their work with child care providers, the need identified most often was children 11-12 years of age that are not able to be left alone but need child care services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SAND grant will pass all their information to Trisha Page, the state autism coordinator as they phase out the grant.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Autism Resource Guide</u> – question from DOH on printing costs which are high. DOH will update the resource guide but printing is in questions due to the cost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Public Comment:</u> recommended putting the resource guide on a USB drive instead of printing. Much less cost but still accessible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Department of Health update:</u> Kodi Berg started her employment in April. She is currently researching and gathering information on registries. She is pursuing an alternate procurement and is currently waiting for approval. She is developing a business plan. DOH plans to access a group of autism experts to assist them in identifying criteria on who is qualified to enter names into the system. They plan 2 – 4 meetings. It will be an electronic submission system with paper optional. Kodi provided a handout – available upon request – which identifies the requirements for the database.</li> <li>• <u>Department of Human Services –update - waiver:</u> update document available upon request. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trisha asked the task force how long they recommend she wait for a family to respond to her inquiries until she goes to the next referral. The task force recommended she send a registered letter with a timeline of 30 days from notification. This would apply to those that aged out prior to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				Waiver

	<p>November 1<sup>st</sup> of 2013. Later on, it will be first come-first serve. She now has 11 application packets with 13 waiting to apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transition issues with the waiver: Discussion on challenges with being given three days between the approval of the waiver and the beginning of the newly amended waiver. Providers made contact with families as soon as they could. It certainly was not perfect. All children have providers in place and lining up the services. Families should contact Trisha directly if they have questions. Trisha has contacted all families.</li> <li>○ Service Rates: There was a question on the rates for the autism services. The rates were based on comparable services and CMS informed that ND is in the middle of what other states reimburse for comparable services.</li> <li>● <u>Department of Human Services –update Voucher</u>: The application will go on-line tomorrow as the program has a July 1<sup>st</sup> start. The group identified a parent support need to assist families in filling out application. Discussion on the legislated income level of 200% of poverty and whether this was an appropriate level.</li> <li>● <u>Department of Human Services –update Training</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conference is scheduled for October 20- 22 at the Ramada Inn – Bismarck. 400 participants are anticipated. 2015, the conference will be in Fargo at the Ramada, October 21 – 23.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <u>Autism Clinics update</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anne Carlson Center holds 2 clinics per month. 1 child per clinic. Payment is a question. They did submit a request to BCBS. Tricare does pay for the clinic service. The challenge is the integrated approach versus the typical and customary method of paying for one professional at a time. Fee – for – service.</li> <li>○ Dr. Carver shared that he plans to start an autism clinic in August 2014.</li> <li>○ Altru provides a screening clinic but could become a diagnostic clinic.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <u>Department of Public Instruction update</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DPI hired a facilitator to help identify and develop new autism guidelines. They plan to roll out the new guidelines at the start of the school year. The guidelines will be placed on their website.</li> <li>○ The TEACH training held in June had 60 participants.</li> <li>○ The plan in 2015 is for a ‘hands-on’ training for both parents and teachers.</li> <li>○ Public Comment: Question on membership for the guideline development. Comment that work with specific children is what makes training successful. DPI indicated that the June training was child specific. Comment that TEACH is good but training should not be a one-size-fits-all approach.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <u>Public Comment</u>: The unmet needs of adults with autism need attention in ND. Several examples were provided on the impact leading to unemployment, concerning decisions made by young adults, lack of assistance for adults.</li> <li>● <u>ASD Task Force state plan</u> will be worked on through email and then brought forward at the next meeting.</li> <li>● <u>Membership</u> of the task force was discussed. Need a replacement for Dr. Fischer. JoAnne will work with the Governor’s office on the insurance company membership need.</li> <li>● <u>Autism Survey</u>. The plan is to reissue the autism survey done in 2010 and use it as a comparison to assist the Task Force in their planning. Minot State University will assist with analysis. JoAnne will work with ITD to replicate the survey.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Action items , issues and/or further discussion required:</b>		<b>Status</b>
The Consensus Council Autism Group report will be a standing agenda item for the ASD Task Force.	ASD Task Force	ongoing
ASD Survey to be re-issued	JoAnne and Minot State	Reissued August 2014. Survey period ends September 15 <sup>th</sup> .

Membership for insurance company representative needs replacement	JoAnne will work with Governor's office	In process
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