

Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force

July 22, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Task Force Member In attendance: Tom Gaffaney, Darren Dobrinski, Senator Joan Heckaman, Nancy Ulrich Crotty, Dr. Thomas Carver, Teresa Larsen, Cathy Haarstad, Gerry Teevens, Dr. Kenneth Fischer, Connie Lillejord, JoAnne Hoesel

A review of 2013 legislation tied to Autism was provided by JoAnne Hoesel. An update of the current ASD waiver was provided by Amanda Carlson, from the Developmental Disability Disorder Division, DHS. Updates were provided by DPI on trainings upcoming and completed. DOH reported that no job announcement had yet been issued for the autism database position. They are doing research on what other states have done in this area. DHS reported that the job announcement for the autism coordinator is out and interviews are in process.

Darren Dobrinski and Dr. Fischer provided information on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) changes relating to autism.

North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University presentation on the Support Autism in North Dakota grant. Hillory Lincini will send information she received from New Jersey registry to JoAnne who will forward to task force members. She asked that members look at the NDCPD website which was updated and let her know if any changes are needed and requested to let her know if the Resource Booklet had needed updates.

A review the Autism Spectrum Disorder initial plan was done and updates and comments were offered.

Member updates were completed.

Senator Heckaman thanked everyone for the work done during the legislative session. She remarked on the many, many hours and the caring of people on the topic of autism. Thanks were issued to Senator Heckaman as well for her support and work of legislation on autism.

Public comment was provided throughout the meeting with question on the coordinator position advertisement and the plan sections. Family Voices topical calls will start in September 2013 and will be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

NDDPI PD Survey sent to the 31 Special Education Units

Q1. What areas related to ASD would you want your staff to receive training (check all that apply)?

Social skills instruction	28
Communication systems or skills	19
TEACHH, Pivotal Response, Social Stories	15
Secondary Transition	10
Preschool	9
Diagnostics/ Assessment	9
Inclusion Strategies	13
ABA	11
Conducting FBA	8
Writing Effective Behavior Plans	20
Personal Safety Skills	8
Independent Living	13

Q2. Would you be willing to pay for any portion of the cost for these trainings (i.e. professional fee for trainer, travel expenses of presenter, any school staff costs)?

yes	11
no	3
possibly	6



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SECTION 1.

- Autism spectrum disorder database



SECTION 2.

- Autism spectrum disorder voucher program pilot project



SECTION 3.

- AUTISM SPECTRUM
DISORDER MEDICAID
WAIVER



SECTION 4.

- LEGISLATIVE
MANAGEMENT STUDY
- AUTISM SPECTRUM
DISORDER SERVICES.



SECTION 5.

- APPROPRIATION -
STATE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH - AUTISM
SPECTRUM DISORDER
DATABASE.
- \$235,732



DOH UPDATE

SECTION 7.

- APPROPRIATION -
DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES -
STATEWIDE AUTISM
SPECTRUM DISORDER
TRAINING PROGRAM.
- \$80,000 general fund
- \$80,000 federal fund



SECTION 6.

- APPROPRIATION -
DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES -
STATE AUTISM
COORDINATOR.

- \$132,568



SECTION 8.

- APPROPRIATION -
DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES -
AUTISM SPECTRUM
DISORDER VOUCHER
PROGRAM PILOT
PROJECT.
- \$539,186



SECTION 9.

- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - APPROPRIATION - AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER MEDICAID WAIVER.
- \$449,973 general fund
- \$449,973 federal funds



DHS UPDATE

SECTION 10

- EXPIRATION DATE.
Section 2 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2015, and after that date is ineffective.

