

Interagency Committee on Autism (ICA)
Quarterly Meeting
09/18/19
1-4pm

Agenda

- 1. Welcome & Introductions** **Please sign in*
- 2. Family Needs Report (1:15pm-1:30pm)**
- 3. DNEA Interim Director presentations**
 - a. Sarah Mallory
 - b. Peter Doehring
- 4. Quarterly Strategic Plan Activities**
 - a. ICA members will be given an opportunity to share updates on contributions to the strategic plan improvement areas and outcomes. The Blueprint will be used as a guide for discussion.
 - b. DNEA updates will be included in under this activity.
- 5. DNEA Updates**
 - a. DNEA Staff
 - b. Funding
 - c. Website
- 6. ICA Updates (3:15pm-3:50pm)**
 - a. Additional workgroups
 - i. ABA Reimbursement
 - ii. Adult Services
 - iii. ASD Diagnosis
 - b. Policies/Procedures document- led by Jerry Petroff
- 7. Other**
- 8. Public Comment (3:50pm)**

Upcoming ICA Dates

- General Quarterly Meeting: December 4, 2019 @ 1:00 – 4:00 PM
 - Location: Delaware Troop 3 (3759 S State St, Camden Wyoming, DE 19934)

DNEA Trainings/Event Participation

*see calendar of DNEA training/events

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Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Sue Gamel-McCormick (Birth to 3), Kellene Copeland (CDS), Susan Veenema (CDS), Andrea Creed (Parent-Kent County), Maria Locuniak (DOE), Meredith Tavani (PBH), Brittany Powers (CDS), Beth Mineo (CDS), Laura Dewey (Nemours), Dawn Maloney (Parent- NCC), Annalisa Ekbladh (Autism Delaware), Chris Knox (DSAMH), Kara Downey (CDS), Brian Freedman (CDS), MaryAnn Mieczkowski (DOE), Brian Hall (Autism Delaware), Thomas Cook (Ability Network), Sarah Mallory (CDS), Dafne Carnright (Autism Delaware, Terrence Macy (DDDS), Glenn Owens (DSAMH), Tina Andrews (PIC), Heidi Mizell (Autism Delaware),

Please note: The committee will proceed with DNEA interim director presentations after the family needs report and will then go into executive session to discuss.

Family Needs Report

- Every quarter Autism Delaware releases a report on family navigation and family supports data
 - The number of families continues to grow with more than 5000 families contacts throughout the state
 - The types of issues families are reporting/calling in for has become much more varied
- Autism Delaware is moving to a referral base process (instead of having families call while in crisis)
- Evaluation/Diagnosis
 - Autism Delaware has historically received the bulk of calls from families who are struggling to have a medical evaluation for ASD
 - The number of these calls have been going down
 - This number also represents families looking for an educational classification
- Respite
 - Families are indicating a lack of respite providers for children with ASD
 - Outside of DAP- there is no one/place for families to call to get a list of respite providers
 - While DDDS does provide respite- no agency has a full list of private providers
 - PBH is in the final stages with Easterseals that will allow caregivers to choose the respite provider; collaborating with other agencies to have a community-oriented more program
 - Easterseals- used to provide weekend/evening however this was eliminated due to lack of funding
 - Historically, respite providers may not match family needs/ individualized needs for respite
- Brian Hall is conducting focus groups throughout the Fall 2019
 - Middletown, Milford, and Dover are complete; Newark, Lewes, and Seaford are upcoming
 - Common issues highlighted:
 - Respite needs: money is available but there are no respite providers
 - ABA needs: issues in access and in insurance complications

DNEA Interim Director Candidate Presentations

- Sarah Mallory, DNEA Interim Director candidate presentation
- Peter Doehring- DNEA Interim Director Candidate presentation

ICA Executive Session: discussion on DNEA Interim Director candidates

ICA Policies and Procedures

- ICA members viewed the current draft of the ICA policies and procedures document. This discussion was facilitated by Jerry Petroff
- The document was created based off of information gathered from ICA retreats, the Blueprint for Collection Action, and SB 93
- The ICA will be emailed the draft and there will be a 2-week period of review; after which interested members will meet as a group with Jerry Petroff to compile feedback and finalize the draft.
- Highlighted Areas:
 - ICA Co-Chairs
 - Subcommittees/Workgroups:
 - Subcommittees are detailed from the Blueprint for Collective Action
 - Workgroups are smaller groups for specific tasks and for a specific period of time
 - Commitment to collaboration
 - Jerry will draft this and send to the ICA
 - Public disclosure
 - Need to determine this on the state level (what are the rules around this)

House-keeping Items

- DSAMH Training
 - DSAMH is sponsoring a training in November on Autism and Mental Health in Young Adults. The DNEA will be providing outreach and logistical support.
- ICA Workgroups
 - Kara will be sending out doodle polls to the new workgroups (ABA Reimbursement, Adult Services, and ASD Diagnostic Evaluation) to schedule their first meetings
- DNEA Website
 - Kara will be scheduling two zoom meetings in the next month for ICA members to view the DNEA website and provide feedback

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