

Interagency Committee on Autism

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023

11:00 – 12:30

ICA Representatives Present

Center for Disabilities Studies: Beth Mineo

Delaware Autism Workgroup, Statewide Director: Mary Whitfield

Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services (DPBHS): Meredith Tavani

Autism Delaware: Dafne Carnright

Delaware Department of Education: Dale Matusевич

C/Birth to 3 System: Kristina Horton

Parent Representative: Andrea Creed

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR): LaShonta Mitchell

Parent Representative: Crystal Thawley

Nemours Swank Autism Center: Brian Freedman

ICA Representatives Absent:

Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH)

Ability Network

Delaware Family Voices (DEFV)

Division of Public Health (DPH)

DNEA Staff:

Sarah Mallory: ICA Administrative Chair

Alisha Fletcher: DNEA Director

Tracy Beird: DNEA Staff

Katie Booz: DNEA Staff

Additional Attendees:

Jodi Karabin

Katina Demetriou

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Heidi Mizell

Ivanka Carbajal

Tamara Williams

Agenda

- I. Motion to approve agenda
 - a. Motion: Kristina Horton
 - b. Second: Dafne Carnright
 - c. Motion carried

- II. Motion to approve minutes
 - a. September:
 - i. Motion: Andrea Creed
 - ii. Second: Crystal Thawley
 - iii. Motion carried
 - b. November:
 - i. Motion: Beth Mineo
 - ii. Second: Kristina Horton
 - iii. Motion carried

- III. ICA Quick Reference Guide
 - a. Develop guide to inform new and existing members about the ICA
 - b. Draft will be shared and then reviewed at next meeting

- IV. ICA Annual Report
 - a. Proposed method of collecting data:
 - i. ICA members will complete a quick online survey or emailed form:
 - ii. Name, organization, general statement of mission/work of agency, general statement of autism-related work of past year
 - iii. DNEA Staff organize into report, connect to blueprint areas, check back/ask questions, submit draft to ICA for feedback

- V. DNEA – CDS
 - a. DNEA Funding – Completed HFAC meeting review cycle and approved for \$575,000
 - b. DNEA hiring Coordinator position and Implementation coach
 - c. ECMHC Training - 3 hours of training to 18 Early Childhood Mental Health Clinicians
 - d. Delaware Guidance Services - Three two-hour trainings Intro to Autism Spectrum Disorder, Evidence Based Practices and Mental Health
 - e. 2023 First Responder Trainings - Three autism first responder training in 2023 – March @ CDS, June @ Milford, Sept @ Lewes
 - f. Project ImPACT – Exploring options to offer in the state
 - g. DNEA updates will be at every other meeting to save room for other agenda items.

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- h. Questions:
 - i. Will the DNEA share a list of providers? *Will need to consent to do so; like the idea*
- VI. DNEA– Autism Delaware Dafne Carnright
 - a. 25th anniversary
 - b. Expecting new website to go live in a few weeks
 - c. 49 new requests for support in December
 - d. 275.5 hours of direct 1:1 support to families
 - e. 73 ACT clients enrolled at present.
- VII. Other Agency Updates
 - a. LaShonta Mitchell DVR working with vendors to bring on more staff. Working with families to get Medicaid services.
- VIII. Literacy Discussion
 - a. Governor Carney to schedule another meeting.
 - b. GACAC will coordinate future meetings of workgroup.
 - c. ICA to identify how to advocate for non-speaking students.
- IX. Public Comment
- X. General meeting adjourned and workgroups met to discuss Blueprint and ICA workplan