

Autism Council Agenda

January 9, 2006

10 AM – 3 PM Room 630, 1 West Wilson Street, DHFS

Doc. Date: 12-16-05

The formal meeting agenda will start at the end of the public comment period or at 10:30 AM, whichever comes first.

10 AM	Welcome	Beth Wroblewski
10 – 10:30	Public comment period	Kris Freundlich

Meeting objective for the 1-9-06 meeting: It is important that this meeting be a focused working meeting on specific program / policy questions (staffing, exceptions, transitions) on which DHFS seeks immediate council guidance.

AGENDA

10:30 or 10 min.	Brief Introductions (as not all members at last meeting)	
10:40 or 10 min.	Approval of minutes	Beth
	Review of meeting objectives and agenda	Kris
10:50 or 70 min.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Exceptions Policy</i></p> <p>Key: Currently the program applies the criteria set forth in the Interim Exceptions Policy when determining if a child is eligible for an extension of intensive autism treatment services.</p> <p>Question: Are there other reasons that should be considered for allowing services beyond the 3 years?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background: Beth W. (10 min.) • Small group work (25 min.) • Small group feedback (10 min.) • Full group dialogue (25 min.) 	
12:00	Lunch (delivered)	
12:30 or 70 min.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sufficiency of staffing</i></p> <p>Key: All children meeting the intensive need level, need to receive the intensive level of treatment.</p> <p>Question: What are some recommendations for ensuring adequate line staff and supervision by addressing line staff shortages?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background and Task Force ideas: Beth W. (10 min.) • Small group work (25 min.) • Small group feedback (10 min.) • Full group dialogue (25 min.) 	
1:40 or 70 min.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Effective transitions</i></p> <p>Key: It is important that transitions into and out of intensive treatment services occur smoothly both through a) transferring skills to the family and b) through the strategic consideration of most effective hours of service.</p> <p>Question: What are some recommendations for criteria to help make the transitional process effective?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background: Beth W. (10 min.) • Small group work (25 min.) • Small group feedback (10 min.) • Full group dialogue (25 min.) 	
2:50 or 5 min.	Bylaws approval	
2:55 or 5 min.	Next priorities / next steps	Beth / Kris
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