Autism Commission

Sub-Committee for Adults Meeting

Friday, February 21, 2020

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Department of Developmental Services

500 Harrison Avenue

Boston, MA

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and introductions.

2. Approval of the minutes from previous meeting.

3. Discussion of Subcommittee’s priorities for 2020, including resources Subcommittee might draw upon in its work and rough schedule. (See attached discussion draft of priorities.)

4. Schedule for 2020 meetings.

5. Action Items.

Discussion Draft of Autism Commission Subcommittee on Adults

Priorities for 2020

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1. Technological innovations to serve autistic adults receiving DDS services. Brainstorming pilots and activities, including discussions of stories from the community about uses of new technologies (here and in other states). Consideration of apps, use of robots, remote monitoring, and other technological advancements to enhance services, particularly in the context of work force crisis and the need to support aging caregivers in families, and develop independence. DDS is anticipating new funding for a technology initiative and these discussion could help inform DDS’s work.
2. Discussion of how well the Individual Service Plan (ISP) process currently works for individuals served by DDS who are “autism only.”
3. Once DDS coaching services RFR has been published, updates beginning with selection of providers, suggested data collection efforts about what may be meaningful, and sharing of status by DDS. Discussion to include revisiting learning from 2019 pilot for self-isolating autistic young adults living with their families
4. Presentation of learning from RFI concerning DDS/DMH supports for autistic adults with mental health needs, including a discussion of case management needs and intensive wraparound services and other clinical support needs.
5. Presentation of follow-up information about the implementation and use of cards/forms in hospital emergency departments, an initiative developed by this committee in prior years.