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# Statewide Advisory Council (SAC)

# Meeting minutes

**Location**: Microsoft Teams  
**Date**: 10/4/2022  
**Attendees**: Christine Shane, Susan Barber, Maital Adam, Diane Glennon, Maren Jacobs, Jose Costa, Alexandria N. Dunn, Jeanne Clapper, Susan Loring, and Lucie Chanskey (MNSN). DDS: Commissioner Jane Ryder, Elizabeth Morse, Nick Dantzer, Tim Cahill, Chris Klaskin, Chris Thompson, Michelle Harris, Patti MacPhee, Susan Griffin, Joyce Labelle, Jill Scibelli, Ed Jalowiec, Bonnie Bryce, & Victor Hernandez, Ashley Dillon

**Time**: 3p-4:30p

# Agenda items

1. Welcome and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes- Alexandria N. Dunn, Chair
2. Review of Individual Meetings with SAC Members- Alexandria N. Dunn
3. DDS/DESE Transition Project - Ellen Kilicarslan
4. Commissioner’s Update – Jane Ryder
5. Recruitment Campaign for Providers and DDS-Chris Thompson
6. DDS Autism Open Interest Period- Michelle Harris
7. SAC Recruitment- Michelle Harris
8. Legislation: Creating Higher Education Opportunities for Students with I/DD- Victor Hernandez
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**Welcome**

* Open Communication between CAB/ SAC by-laws, chair – co-chair
* Define the Purpose of the SAC Mission
* Update the website
* Annual Meetings
* DDS Strategic Plan
* Workforce Crisis
* More info on DPPC
* Budget Regulations
* Legislative Work

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

* Motion to Approve
* Clarity of staff offers $20 per hour work agencies with similar rate
* Resend minutes with amendments
* DDS State funded *ALL* agencies

**DDS DESE Transition Project**

* Advocacy by Mass Advocates of Children
* Legislative put 10 million to cover 5 years of services
* Existing Collab with Residential Prevention Program
* DDS, MRC, MC, MCB, Life Skills enhancement groups
* Strictly group services
* Start with Generic groups
* Outreach-engage groups
* Priority reaching underserved and under-resourced
* 20 communities with 2-3 Family Support centers per region
* Each center 20 hr. in-person group activities
* 22 hr. weekend group activities
* 8 Family Support Centers will be ready by November
* Each Center will have funding for transportation
* DESE will take the lead with Outreach to let families know
* Flyers in many languages

**Commissioner’s Update**

* Strategic Plans
* Residential Programs
* Increase entry-level salary for Direct Support Workers
* State Op System safety net
* Provider side- Advocacy with Legislative
* Providers are giving a paid rate
* Enhance Rate
* $244,000,000,000 – 7% agency increase a 7% from last year
* Current budget increase in Community Day Services
* $58,000,000 more in Day Services 27 % increase
* Transportation Budget 25% increase
* Supportive Tech line item increase funded at 1.75 million
* Respite Acct increase of 5 ½ million funded at 90.6 million
* Children & Adult Autism increased by 16%
* Turning 22 increase of 5% in the current year
* ARPA funding from Federal Government
* Workforce challenge/shortage
* Staff shortages are not a money problem
* Successful raising minimum entry for care workers
* Media Blitz/ Promotion for Human Services Career State Overview
* Immigration challenges have impacted staffing
* Alternative Service Models
* Strengthen Self Direction Program

***Question: Describe what percentage of Turning 22 is not able to be served.***

*Answer: Turning 22 grows more everywhere with ASD*

* *Average 1200 per year*
* *Part Residential Support*
* *1/3 have autism*

***Comment: Expand medical group homes across the region.***

***Comment: Best target advocacy efforts***

* *Range/Average*
* *Bureau of Wage Statistic*
* *Base Salary*

**CBDS**

* Community Base Day Support/ without walls presentation
* CAB Meeting for innovative to talk

**Recruitment Campaign**

* American Rescue Plan
* ALL DDS Providers will apply for money and resources
* Workgroup to look at a way to streamline ISP Process
* Federal money and competitive grant program. Promote the human service career pipeline
* Establishing new programs- training benefit
* New partnership with Community College Programs
* ARPA Workforce Call to Care Campaign
* Creative content for the December campaign
* In-person Hiring Advertisement event/ Print Ads

***DDS Autism Open Enrollment***

* Expand slots every year
* Open enrollment starts Oct 14th-31st
* Outreach to sister agencies to promote
* Adding new staff through ARPA funding
* Waiver support in Autism Center

***Higher Education Opportunities***

* Bill passed IDD to attend college in Mass F’23 budget
* This is not a DDS Bill
* Participate in noncredit courses
* Provides individuals to participate in state school guidelines 18-21 attend college courses funded by MRC
* DDS Advisory board
* Will take time to implement bill/ Needs regulation

**Meeting Adjourned**

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