



# Meeting Minutes

## Information Clearinghouse on Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2016  
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Florida Department of Health  
2585 Merchants Row Blvd., Room 135Q  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**Members Present:** Susan DeBeaugrine

**Members Present by Dial-in Conference Call Line:** Kristine Benson, Dr. Carlos Pozzi, Janet Caramello, Shannon Moss, Camille Gardiner

**Members Not Present:** Patricia Tice, Dr. Janet Flowers, Crystal Hopkins

**Others Present:** Sarah Beard, Anna Simmons, Dawn Lynch, Rhonda Brown, JR Harding (Agency for Persons with Disabilities)

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### **I. Welcome and Roll Call – Anna Simmons**

Anna greeted everyone on the call and took attendance. Anna welcomed the newest council member, Susan DeBeaugrine. Susan introduced herself and shared her background.

### **II. Approval of Minutes – Kristine Benson**

A motion was made by Camille Gardiner to approve all outstanding meeting minutes; Dr. Carlos Pozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **III. New Business – Kristine Benson**

Anna shared the Department's Communications office is in the beginning stages of developing a promotional campaign for the Bright Expectations website. The council brainstormed ideas to be shared for a promotional video. Anna agreed to share this feedback with the Communications Office.

### **IV. Sharing of Website Updates – Council Members**

Council members reviewed the updated Bright Expectations website and provided positive feedback. The council made suggestions for updating the general resources and hotline pages.

### **V. Step Up For Students – Stephanie Love**

Stephanie Love from Step Up For Students shared information on scholarships available to children with unique abilities. Stephanie shared they are still accepting scholarship applications for the 2016-2017 school year. A summary of the scholarship opportunities with a link to apply will be shared with the council for further distribution. The council suggested adding Step Up For Students to the Bright Expectations website as a general resource.



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## **VI. Next Steps – Kristine Benson**

- Council members will continue researching expanded information for current conditions.
- Council members will email Anna to request additional conditions to research as necessary
- The Bright Expectations website general resources and hotline pages will be updated.
- Anna will share the scholarship summary and link for Step Up For Students with the meeting participants.
- Anna will email council members once the website revisions are live.

## **VII. Adjourn – Kristine Benson**

A motion was made to adjourn. Janet Caramello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting Date:** September 20, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. EST