



Meeting Minutes

Information Clearinghouse on Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2021
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. EST

Florida Department of Health
2585 Merchants Row Blvd.,
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Members Present by Dial-in Conference Call Line: Lori Fahey, Camille Gardiner, Kristine Benson

Members Not Present: Janet Caramello, Shannon Moss

Others Present: Casey Omeke, Deborah Burch (Department of Health), Megan Kirkley (Agency for Persons with Disabilities)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Casey Omeke welcomed everyone to the call and took attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes

Casey reported all past meeting minutes have been approved.

III. Follow up

All Bright Expectations materials have been delivered to the Early Steps Program at the Florida Department of Health for inclusion in the information packets they send to families. Casey shared with the council that the Office of Legislative Planning will be assisting in filling the council vacancies.

The council discussed adding Asperger's syndrome and mental and emotional disorders to the conditions page. The council agreed that Asperger's syndrome could be included on the conditions page due to the diagnosis still being given by pediatricians. Additional resources for Asperger's syndrome are needed. Kris Benson agreed to research Asperger's syndrome resources. Due to the broad range of diagnoses for mental and emotional disorders, council members suggested conducting additional research. Lori Fahey suggested contacting the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to inquire about the resources they provide for children with mental health disorders.

IV. New Business

The council discussed adding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) to the conditions page. The council agreed FASD should be added to the conditions page and members will explore specific resources to be presented at the next council meeting. Lori and Megan Kirkley agreed to research FASD resources.

V. Website Reviews

There were no revisions to the webpage needed. Casey reported the Bright Expectations webpage has been reviewed for broken links, and all resources have been checked for current contact information.

VI. Next Steps

- Lori and Megan will research FASD resources
- Kris will research Asperger's syndrome resources
- Casey will assist with contacting DCF for mental and emotional disorder resources.

VII. Adjourn

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10 am EST.