



# Meeting Minutes

## Information Clearinghouse on Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council

January 12, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

Microsoft Teams Video Conference

**Members Present:** Kristine Benson, Camille Gardiner, Janet Caramello, Kiersten Finchum

**Others Present:** Vera Beloshitzkaya (Florida Department of Health), Tara Cockman (Florida Department of Health)

**Members Not Present:** Shannon Moss, Lori Fahey, Justin Breidenstein

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### I. Welcome and Roll Call – *Tara Cockman*

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Tara Cockman, council facilitator. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

### II. Approval of Minutes – *Council Members*

The council unanimously approved the meeting minutes for the October 6, 2022, council meeting.

### III. Website Resource Presentation and Review – *Council Members*

Council member Kiersten Finchum presented information regarding Landau-Kleffner Syndrome. Kiersten will continue to search for helpful online resources for Florida families to be on the Bright Expectations website.

Council member Janet Caramello researched bipolar disorder and reports that at this time there is not a lot of resources for young children, teens, or during the perinatal period. Janet introduced the website CHADD.org. This was viewed by the council members and received a unanimous approval to add to the Bright Expectations website.

Council member Camille Gardiner introduced websites for the condition of Tourette's syndrome; [tourettes.org](https://tourettes.org) and <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/tourette.html>, both of which were unanimously approved as additions to the Bright Expectations website.

The council was informed of two organizations that reached out to the Florida Department of Health to inquire about being added to the Bright Expectations website. These include Prader-Willi Syndrome Association at [Home Page - Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA \(pwsausa.org\)](https://www.pwsausa.org) and Family Initiative at [Family Initiative, Inc. | Autism Services | Florida \(fi-florida.org\)](https://www.familyinitiative.org). Both of these resources were viewed by the council members and approved.

Camille volunteered to research resources for neural tube defects.

### IV. Bright Expectations Website Data Review – *Council Members*

An overview of the Google Analytics data for the Bright Expectations website was provided. The Autism webpage remains the top viewed webpage among all condition webpages.

**V. Council Member Appointments – *Tara Cockman***

Tara informed the council that a request had been made to the Office of Legislative Planning for council member appointments updates, though at this time no information has been received.

**VI. Public Comment** – There were no members of the public in attendance.

**VII. Adjournment – *Tara Cockman***

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.