



Meeting Minutes

Information Clearinghouse on Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council

Wednesday, October 11, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST
Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Member Name	Seat Appointment	Present	Absent
Kristine Benson	Governor Appointment	X	
Justin Breidenstein	Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointment		X
Janet Caramello	Governor Appointment		X
Lori Fahey	President of the Senate Appointment		X
Kiersten Finchum	Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointment	X	
Camille Gardiner	President of the Senate Appointment		X
Shannon Moss	President of the Senate Appointment		X
Jenna Persons-Mulicka	Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointment	X	
Vacancy	Governor Appointment		

Others Present: Tara Cockman (Florida Department of Health), David Blodgett (Florida Department of Health), Jessica Day (Florida Department of Health), Maggie Dilger (Florida Department of Health), Ashley Castro

I. **Welcome and Roll Call** – *Maggie Dilger, Florida Department of Health*

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll was taken, and a quorum was not established. Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka was introduced as the newest member appointed to the council.

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – *Maggie Dilger, Florida Department of Health*

Approval of meeting minutes will be moved to the next quarterly meeting.

III. **Bright Expectations Navigation** – *David Blodgett, Florida Department of Health*

David Blodgett with the Florida Department of Health reviewed the Bright Expectations website and

discussed ideas for garnering more visits to the pages. Buttons will be added to the main page to direct visitors, and Google analytics will be reviewed over the next quarter and compared to past reports to see how the buttons affected visitor traffic.

IV. **Google Analytics Overview** – *Jessica Day, Florida Department of Health*

Jessica Day with the Department provided an overview of the Google Analytics quarterly data and clarified data variables with the council.

V. **Orlando Family Magazine Advertisement** – *Tara Cockman, Florida Department of Health*

Tara Cockman with the Department shared the Bright Expectations advertisement in the August 2023 issue of Orlando Family Magazine and mentioned future advertisement opportunities with the publication.

VI. **Website Resources Review** – *Council Members*

Kristine Benson updated the group that hypothyroidism should not be added to the website as there are not enough resources or support groups. She reminded the group that the focus of the site is to link families with resources that provide support after receiving diagnosis of a developmental disability.

Kiersten Finchum explained that Landau-Kleffner Syndrome causes epileptic seizures and should be mentioned within the Epilepsy condition tab.

Maggie Dilger with the Department updated the council that a link had been removed from the Bright Expectations website. She explained all sites have to be a non-profit, and the removed link was a vendor site: <https://www.bluesprigautism.com/florida-autism-center/>. The site was for the Florida Autism Center, and it perhaps, at one time, linked to their support group.

The council also reviewed inaccessible links the Department had identified and provided feedback.

They included:

- Autism Resources:
 - [Autism Society](#) – in third paragraph (link inaccessible)
 - It was noted this once linked to an “About” page and the council suggested changing to the Autism Society’s main page: <https://autismsociety.org/>
- Down Syndrome (Trisomy 21)
 - <https://dsatallahassee.com/> – listed under support groups (link inaccessible)
 - This web address is no longer live and should be removed from the website.
 - <https://www.tcdownsyndromeag.org/> – listed under support groups (link inaccessible)
 - This web address is no longer live and should be removed from the website.

- Epilepsy
 - [Epilepsy Florida](#) – in first paragraph (should read “Epilepsy Alliance Florida”)
 - The Department will change “Epilepsy Florida” to the correct name, “Epilepsy Alliance Florida”
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
 - <https://nofas.org/resource-directory/> – in second paragraph (link inaccessible)
 - Kristine Benson volunteered to find an alternate link.
 - <https://www.cascadefldoh.com/renderfile/4a479914a74e0bb6004876e0a98f53d1/programs-and-services/prevention/substance-abuse/substance-abuse-during-pregnancy/substance-abuse-docs/fasd.pdf> – in fourth paragraph (requires login)
 - Kristine Benson volunteered to find an alternate link.
 - <https://ufhealth.org/fetal-alcohol-syndrome/locations> – in fifth paragraph (link inaccessible)
 - Kristine Benson volunteered to find an alternate link.
- Mental Health Disorders
 - <https://www.cascadefldoh.com/entity/open.act?type=page&id=79df607da74e013346938420aec42f40&confld=f9887a50a74e01331199bca37c812e7d> – in third paragraph (requires login)
 - This should be replaced with: <https://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/prevention/mental-health/index.html>
 - <https://partnershipforchildhealth.org/federation-of-families-northeast-florida/> – under National Federation of Families paragraph (link inaccessible)
 - This web address is no longer live and should be removed from the website.

VII. **Future Agenda Items Discussion** – *Council Members*

No future agenda items were discussed. Members were encouraged to email any suggestions they may have prior to the next meeting.

VIII. **Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

IX. **Adjournment** – *Maggie Dilger, Florida Department of Health*

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.