

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

University of Louisville Autism Center
Conference Room
January 27, 2017
10:00-12:00

In attendance:

Via phone - Mindy Pfau, Dr. Elizabeth Sternberg, Kelli Scott, Meagan Brannon

In person – Nat McKay, Rob Pennington, Mike Miller, Heidi Cooley-Cook, Larry Taylor, Diandre Glover-Thomas, Norma Thomas, Laurie Spezzano

1. Taylor reviewed KATC Advisory Board Minutes, August 5, 2016 – minutes revised to add Diane Zero to the committee. Ally Brooks moved to Georgia so will not be on the Advisory committee on board. Meagan Brannon will replace Ally on the personnel advisory sub-committee. Rob Pennington moved to approve the minutes with revisions. Seconded by Nat McKay.
2. Taylor reviewed the financial report through November 30, 2016. The report does not reflect an additional \$130,000 that will be added from KDE. The next financial report will show reduction in travel that have not yet been processed yet as of this report. Motion to approve financial report made by Laurie Spezzano and seconded by Nat McKay.
 - a. CPE Allocation 2016
 - b. CEHD General Funds
 - c. Gift Account
 - d. Revenue Account
 - e. KDE Grant
3. Cooper-Puckett gave an update on the Office of Autism (OA). The OA wrote and completed a proposal to “Autism Strategies and Action” based out of Ohio. Eight agencies will be given slots to pilot the program for free. Pilot program takes 6 months. Families will go through the training later. OA is working on a collaborative project with OVR, Innovative Strategies for Autistic workers, Bev Harp is the project lead. The program consists of online modules to educate employers, agencies and business service teams on how to work with individuals with autism and train people with autism on work skills.
4. Caregivers of Autism Resource Environment (CARE) Initiative training - Cooley-Cook reviewed the training initiative for families. Eric Dubuque and Gail Williams are working with this initiative. (1) They are looking at two possible training program models either hosting a training in Louisville for SLP’s or open it up statewide for Hanen on communication. (2) Dr. Grace Kuravackel Mathai and Lisa Rubel train on behavior and their program can be presented by anyone with an autism background. A \$5000 FEAT grant was approved and could be used to cover handbook costs for people trained in the Hanen More than Words program or two behavior training sessions with Kuravackel and Rubel (approx. 8-16 families).
5. Cooley-Cook reviewed the first responders training initiative. Owensboro and Daviess County firefighters have been trained. She is working with LMPD to get training to begin in 2018. The two hour training was approved through the KY Board of Emergency Medical Services.

6. Cooley-Cook reviewed the Autism Friendly Business Initiative. A three tiered process for businesses to participate that includes a 10 minute video about autism, businesses getting modifications and being listed on the website, and partnership with the coalition for workforce diversity to look at hiring practices and supporting individuals with ASD. The launch is scheduled for Feb. 16th.
7. Taylor reviewed the Personnel (Advisory Sub-Committee). KATC serves as a liaison at commission sites and work in schools. FTC's have trained commission staff. The group recommended to pursue an additional FTC position to make the workload more manageable. Taylor will pursue hiring through U of L.
8. Taylor reviewed the Collaborative Advocacy Conference held on February 25 at Brandies School of Law. The purpose is to provide info about the basic requirements to provide services to students with disabilities. The conference is being attended by law students, educators, some parents and education administrators.
9. Taylor reviewed the Western; Kentucky Parent Summit that will be held on March 17, 2017 at Murray State University Curris Center. Ray Chumbler, an individual with autism, will be the keynote speaker and multiple sessions will be presented by KATC staff.
10. Taylor reviewed the ADOS 2 Training to be held on May 11 & 12, 2017 at Morehead Conference Center. The Office of Autism is offering scholarships to attend to Children's services directors and community mental health centers will receive applications.
11. Miller reviewed the VSA Grant that will be used to provide H4 Hip Hop Health Happiness dance class from 2/8 – 3/22 for 15 participants in ULAC's occupational therapy program. Classes will be held at the mid-city mall dance studio.
12. Taylor reviewed the KDE/School Sites Initiative. Will be meeting with FTC's and Rob Pennington next week to discuss planning and follow up for the next school year.
13. Taylor reviewed the progress on the KDE Technical Assistance Manual. The manual will belong to KDE and will be housed on their website.
14. March 31, 2017 Board Meeting/Pre-Autism Awareness Month Luncheon

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM