

Kentucky Autism Training Center Advisory Board Meeting

June 6, 2014
10:00-12:00

1. Welcome and Introductions: In attendance:
In person:
Board Members: Nat McKay, Laurie Spezzano, Rob Pennington
Via technology – Norma Thomas, Gwenna Pennell
ULAC: Greg Barnes
KATC Staff: Michelle Antle, Larry Taylor, Diandre Glover-Thomas
2. Remembering the late Harold John Haering, SR – Taylor gave recognition and family's contribution was acknowledged.
3. Staffing - Taylor discussed the new Field Trainers and decisions regarding leadership and the assistant director position.
4. Analytics – Website and webinars were discussed. Taylor and Barnes discussed creating a curriculum for parent support groups. Upcoming early childhood webinar series was discussed.
5. Training Site Update – Taylor discussed the wrap up of the school year, and the survey that went out about last years' training sites. Taylor announced that KATC will be working with thirty-nine new training sites next year.
6. A-COT Presentation- Pennington shared information about the assessment tool to measure data at the training sites. Spezzano suggested sharing the A-COT handouts with teachers to give them information about quality instruction. McKay suggested creating a condensed format to give to parents to give to parents as information they can discuss at an ARC.
7. Autism Advisory Council & House Bill HB. 252 – Representatives from KATC are attending the autism meetings. Taylor discussed that House Bill HB. 252 did not pass this time and he will continue to update the board about the Council.
8. ULAC Update-Dr. Barnes
Dr. Barnes discussed a 10 year strategic plan for the ULAC that will encompass KATC. The 10 year plan includes: assessment, research, treatment, (KATR) KY Autism Treatment and Research Network. The ULAC plan will also include a component for adults.
 - a. Regional Diagnostic Center and Patient Follow Up – Barnes is working with the KY CCHSHN to develop ASD medical clinics within Owensboro and Paducah. Antle discussed working with the Commission to create an autism friendly clinical environment as well as who will be involved with the assessment teams to create a medical and educational cooperation at the regional centers.

Barnes discussed having Field Trainers work directly with the parents after the diagnosis to work holistically with the child.

- b. ULAC Board – The unified advisory board will have representatives from the KATC, Bingham and the former STAR board. The board will have three committees -- community engagement, planning, and development committees.

9. Budget

- a. 2013-2014, through April 2014 Taylor discussed the possibility of sharing a position with ULAC that can provide the statistical data to evaluate the programs, possibly hiring a temporary administrative assistant to assist with answering phones and office work.
- b. CPE Allocation - \$125,800 (This is a reduction. Last year's allocation was \$134,500)
- c. KDE Proposal - \$391,000 KDE has asked KATC to tie the proposal into the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) and they asked KATC to add the webinars to the PD – 360.

10. Proposed next meeting date, September 5, 10:00 a.m. – may need to discuss which members will serve on the ULAC unified board on behalf of KATC