



KATC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2019

10:00 am EST

Kentucky Autism Training Center

Louisville, KY

Attendees: Michelle Bush, Heidi Cooley-Cook, and Larry Taylor

Joined via conference call: Justin Cooper and Norma Thomas

1. Welcome and greeting of everyone who is joining us in person and over the phone. (Larry)
2. Second Reading of the KATC Bylaws –We will postpone voting on the bylaws until or next meeting. Not enough voting members in attendance.
3. Financial Report thru November 2019 (Larry)
 - Spending down CPE funds (GB170080). Barbara Bishop, KATC’s Unit Business Manager discovered unused funds from the previous year and will be added back to this account.
 - Revenue account Z0761 not listed on the report, has a balance of \$172,000. This account funds training events and materials. We charge a nominal fee for registration
4. Update of the KATC Strategic Plan (Larry) in the upcoming months a progressive, active plan will continue. KATC staff will look at what we are currently doing and what improvements can be made. Larry to have a plan for the board to review at our next meeting.
5. Employment First Council’s Annual Report (Larry) Larry along with agencies such as KY’s State Commerce and Labor Office. Enclosed in the report barriers individuals with disabilities face, alternate diploma information, working and social security benefits, and strategies to obtain and maintain an individual’s employment. KY’s new Governor expected to continue to support the council. KY Chamber of Commerce hosting an event next year, Larry will share the Save the Date with the board when he receives it.
6. KATC’s Annual Report 2018-2019 (Larry) Sarah and Michelle worked creating a new template KATC’s annual report. Input from all staff members. The report has less text, more pictures. Please send suggestions for next report to staff.
7. KATC Upcoming Events (Heidi and Michelle)
 - Connecting the Dots for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Training in Frankfort, KY on March 4th -5th this training is free, but limited to 35 people by invite. Sent to Lifeskills and Centerstone professionals. The event is now full after sending the information early this week. The focus of this event is to train individuals who support or families with autism, those wanting to create and/or maintain an autism support group and individuals who want to improve their services provided to individuals with autism. KATC is partnering with the Office of Autism on this event
 - Autism Transition Summit: Focus on Employment on March 10 -12 in Louisville, KY. This is event is open for parents, families, self-advocates and families. We will have a keynote speaker Ivinova Smith who is a self-advocate that focuses on autism employment, resource roundtables, community conversations, breakout sessions, mock interviews and resume reviews. Some CEUs provided to professionals. KATC is collaborating with the Office of Autism, UK’s Human Development Institute and KY Vocational Rehabilitation Office.

- Autism Parent Workshop on April 16-17 at Barren River State Park. The layout of this event is similar to other Parent Summits we have done in the past. Half day of resource roundtables and networking, Full day of breakout sessions with a keynote in the morning
- 8. Other (Larry) Reported that KATC is providing training throughout KY to support groups. Training to help with challenges, connecting newly diagnosed individuals to services, resources, and strategies to keep existing members engaged.
- 9. Schedule the next KATC Advisory Board Meeting – Larry to email board a doodle poll to determine the next meeting time and date

Meeting ended at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Bush on December 13, 2019