



KATC Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2019

10:00 am EST

Kentucky Autism Training Center

Louisville, KY

Attendees: Sarah Bays, Michelle Bush, Heidi Cooley-Cook, Justin Cooper, Enid Hurtado, and Larry Taylor

Joined via conference call: Kathy Meredith, Kellie Scott, Liz Sternberg, and Coy Travis

1. Welcome and greeting of everyone who is joining us in person and over the phone. (Larry)
2. Review of the KATC Advisory Board Minutes – June 11, 2019 (Larry)
 - Reviewed and approved minutes from the April 24th meeting. Motion to approve by Coy and motion seconded by Sarah
3. University of Louisville Autism Center and Norton Hospital (Larry)
 - Larry explained the merge of the University of Louisville Autism Center (ULAC) and Norton Healthcare. ULAC is part of UofL's Pediatric Department. This change could affect KATC due to a charitable lease with ULAC for the building in which we conduct business is owned by Kosair Charities. Kosair Charities does not have a good relationship with Norton's so there is a possibility that the lease could end. Central administration is aware that KATC is part of CEHD and that we will need space. Currently the timeline for the transition has not been set. Larry has a meeting scheduled on October 4th with key administration at UofL that includes the Special Education Department and the Pediatric Department. In the meantime, the clinical services will continue and we will remain partners with ULAC.
4. Welcome Enid Hurtado our new Field Training Coordinator. Enid is a great addition to KATC's team. She has school based and assistive technology experience. (Larry)
5. Welcome Kathy Meredith to our Board. Kathy replaced Veronica Sullivan. Kathy's experience includes working at the KY Education Development Cooperative and part of KATC's 2009 School Based Initiative. (Larry)
6. First Reading of KATC Bylaw Draft (Larry and Coy)
 - Review of the KATC bylaws created by Coy, provided via email and in person to attendees. KATC is working on a Strategic Plan and has met numerous times. The bylaws conversation emerged from these meetings. The bylaws composed will assist with the structure and organization of our Board. Ultimately, to better serve our target audience. It is important that the Board members show investment in Board and the work that KATC is doing.
 - No action to approve bylaws today, contact Larry and/or Coy for input
7. MIGDAS 2 and ADOS 2 Training (Larry)
 - MIGAS-2 Training August 27th and 28th in Georgetown, KY. KATC partnered with Western Psychological Services (WPS) and Green River Regional Education Cooperative (GRREC). This was a new training for KATC that focused on autism diagnosis and school based

eligibility. We had the honor to have the author of the MIGDAS Dr. Marilyn Monteiro and WPS representative Dr. Ann Rogers conduct the training. The training was well received by our attendees and received great evaluations. WPS plans to bring Dr. Monteiro back for another training in 2020. Date unknown at this time. (Larry)

- KATC has hosted the ADOS-2 training for the 10th time. The training was by conducted Dr. Rachel Hundley. Attendees from in state and out of state attended. There was rich discussion from attendees. There is an increased expertise of services across state. Additionally an increased confidence diagnosing autism. (Larry)

8. Office of Autism (Larry)

- They have three committees early childhood, school-age and adult-adolescent. Larry chairs the school-age committee. October 18th meeting scheduled. Larry to report to the KATC Board during our next meeting the finding of the committee meeting.

9. Status of Strategic Planning (Larry and Coy)

- KATC currently working on a strategic plan, goals, vision and mission for the center. Once approved by staff we will send to the Board for approval. Coy mentioned how dedicated KATC staff is for the frequent meetings and hard work they put in to accomplish the goal of the Strategic Plan. Larry is appreciative of Coy taking time away from his law practice to participate at the KATC Staff Retreat (July 15th-17th at Cumberland Falls) and the Strategic Planning meetings with KATC Staff.

10. Other

- Upcoming KATC 2020 events (Heidi)
 - i. ASD Parent Summit - Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th at Barren River State Park in Lucas, KY. Partnership with Office of Autism.
 - ii. Family Leadership Academy – Thursday, April 16th – Saturday, April 18th at Barren River State Park in Lucas, KY. Partnership with Office of Autism
 - iii. Transition Summit: Focus on Employment – March 10th -12th at the Marriott East in Louisville, KY. Partnership with University of Kentucky’s Human Development Institute, Office of Autism and KY Office of Vocation and Rehabilitation
- KATC Reach – September 2018 – September 2019 (Heidi)
 - i. KATC has reached 109 or 120 counties in KY based on First Responder trainings, collaborative work with Office of Autism, School Initiative, and events KATC has hosted
- School Based Training Initiative (Enid and Sarah)
 - i. All KATC Field Training Coordinators have been working together to conduct various school trainings. Noted that systems of support vary across counties, districts, schools and classrooms, which make a difference on what type of support KATC can provide. This past year the application was changed and every requesting site chosen for training was interviewed. The application process for 2020 year will begin in January.

- KY State Police Training
 - i. Heidi and Dr. Allen Copenhaver (Lindsey Wilson College Assistant Professor in Criminal Justice) conducted a recent training with 41 state troopers. Focus of the training was elopement and wandering as well as gaining a better understanding individual with autism.
- Reframing Autism: Collaborating to Help Students on the Spectrum Thrive in College workshop (Sarah)
 - i. On September 26th Sarah and Mike along with UofL's Disability Resource Center and Dean of Students conducted a training for UofL faculty and staff to better assist them when working with students with autism
- Presentation with UofL Housing
 - i. Heidi and Mike recently presented to UofL's housing to learn how to better serve individuals with autism in the housing environment

11. Next Board Meeting scheduled TBD

Meeting ended at 10:52 am

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Bush on October 1, 2019