

# Kentucky Autism Training Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

University of Louisville Autism Center  
1405 E. Burnett Ave  
Louisville, KY 40217  
September 5, 2014  
10:00-12:00

1. Welcome –

**In person:** Laurie Spezzano, Diane Zero, R. Larry Taylor, Heidi Cooley-Cook, Diandre Glover-Thomas

**Via technology:** Nat McKay, Rob Pennington, Norma Thomas, Kelly Scott

2. Upcoming Events – Taylor reviewed all upcoming KATC trainings

3. Minutes from June meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Diane Zero and seconded by Nat McKay.

4. ULAC Plans – Taylor reviewed some of Dr. Barnes' 10 year plan that includes the KATC staff growing to 25 employees to meet training needs. Dr. Barnes is looking at training, research, diagnosis and services for adults as key components to the plan as well as involving other components of the medical school that have previously not been involved.

5. Staffing – Taylor provided updates on the work of the current staff. Taylor is working on bringing in a temporary person to work with parents with experience working in schools who can provide consultation with parents that visit the clinic and provide them with information on how to access resources. Taylor is continuing to work with grants management and the Dean's office regarding funding for the two contract Field Trainer positions.

6. Analytics – Taylor reviewed the website, newsletter and other online information dissemination statistics. Spezzano suggested having someone to add Michelle P. providers to the KATC provider directory. Zero suggested that we provide information to parents about what to look for and ask when searching for a provider.
7. Annual Report – Taylor announced the annual report is almost complete and will be sent out soon.
8. Family Training Services Planning – Cooley-Cook reviewed past work KATC Family Field Trainers have done and talked about work she is doing and asked for input from board members for ideas for the future. Spezzano mentioned that her support group plans to watch a webinar together and would like materials to go with the webinar discussion.
9. Training Site Update - Three field trainers are in 38 schools and provide training and support for the cadres.
10. Autism Advisory Council & Office of Autism – Amy Cooper Puckett is the new director. Council has representatives from the, state, medical and higher education institutions in KY and parents that were appointed. Meetings are open to the public and parents and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend.
11. Budget 2014-2015 - KY Dept. of Education budget is being amended to pay the two contracted field trainers. CPE \$125,800, State general funds allocation \$213,131, KDE allocation, \$391,270, Gift acct. \$32,335.44, Income account \$83,817
12. Proposed next meeting date, December 12, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Lunch Provided)