

Services Subcommittee Update

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Services Subcommittee

- **Vision**
- All people with ASD have the services and supports they need and desire throughout the lifespan to lead productive lives in the community and to reach their fullest potential
- **Mission**
- To assess and improve services and supports for people with ASD

Members of the Services Subcommittee

- Gail Houle (Department of Education)
- Larke Huang (SAMHSA)
- Denise Juliano-Bult (NIMH)
- Christine McKee
- Jennifer Johnson (ACF)
- Cathy Rice (CDC)
- Stephen Shore
- Alison Singer (Autism Science Foundation)
- Bonnie Strickland (HRSA)
- HHS Office on Disability

Services Subcommittee Request for Information (RFI) Responses

- RFI open Fall, 2008
- 137 responses
- 497 comments
- 21 respondents self-identified as people with ASD
- Stakeholder priorities and emergent categories identified

Stakeholder Priorities

1. Adults with ASD
2. Community
3. Family Support
4. School Services
5. Providers
6. Infrastructure

Emergent Priorities

7. Employment
8. Evidence-based Services and Supports
9. Health & Safety
10. Early Diagnosis & Treatment
11. Transition to Adulthood
12. Therapies

Other Services Categories of Interest

- 13. Legal/Guardianship
- 14. Dental
- 15. Medical Treatment
- 16. Assistive Technology/Augmentative Communication
- 17. Diet

ASD Services & Supports Recommendations

- February 24, 2009 meeting - new focus from the ASD Roadmap to “ASD Services and Supports Recommendations”
- Several Recommendations would be sent to the Secretary
- The document would align with the IACC Strategic Plan for ASD
- The Subcommittee will develop a plan and timeline, including evaluation of the need to convene Expert Working Groups
- Public input would be used to develop the Recommendations
- The Recommendations could be updated annually

Other Activities of the Services Committee

- The Subcommittee will hold regular presentations at each meeting from Subcommittee members, Federal government and state staff, ASD experts, advocates, people with ASD and other stakeholders to increase understanding of ASD services issues
- The first presentation will be at the next meeting
- CDC and HRSA staff will discuss the “Learn the Signs Act Early” campaign

Other Activities of the Services Committee (continued)

- The Subcommittee will list Federal agencies who are, or may be, providing services and supports to people with ASD
- A letter will be sent to each agency
- Lead staff on ASD will be identified
- Information will be gathered on ASD services-related programs and activities presently underway
- Agencies will include the Social Security Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Labor, others
- This activity is congruent with the Combating Autism Act directive to “monitor Federal activities with respect to autism spectrum disorder” [Section 399CC(2)]

Town Hall Meeting

- Proposed for Friday, July 22, 2009
- In partnership with the Autism Society of America's Annual Conference
- St. Charles, Illinois (outside Chicago)
- 10:30AM-1:15PM time slot available

Discussion Regarding Town Hall Meeting

- Would a Town Hall Meeting a full Town Hall Meeting, or a Services Subcommittee Town Hall Meeting?
- Identify facilitator-moderator, format, broadcast options
- What is the objective?
- Who would the IACC participants be?
- What would the topic(s) be?

Potential Topics

- Suggestions related to the development of the next version of the Strategic Plan for Autism Research (Blackwell, Grossman)
- Discussion regarding IACC monitoring of Federal activities
- Potential recommendations to the Secretary, future presentations to the Services Subcommittee (Blackwell)
- Open on all IACC issues (Grossman)
- Receive feedback from the community on how the IACC has conducted itself and what is recommended for the future (Grossman)
- Additional suggestions?

Future Services Subcommittee Presentations to the IACC

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