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Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs: Meeting Minutes

(Version: **FINAL**; created: 05/12/2022)

Date: 02/15/2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Zoom Meetings®

I: Call to Order:

Facilitated by the Chairperson/State Coordinator of Autism Strategy

- **Katie Gandy, Chairperson and State Coordinator for Autism Strategy** called to order the 1st Quarter 2022 (and first ever) meeting of the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs at **6:01 pm** on **Tuesday, February 15th, 2022** via **Zoom Webinars®** (Webinar function was used due to the meeting's size, future meetings will be conducted via **Zoom Meetings®** to allow for more in-depth discussion and debate to occur.
 - a) **Stakeholders in Attendance:** All
 - b) **Stakeholders Absent:** None
 - c) **Quorum Present:** Yes
 - d) **Public Meeting Registrations:** (total # of attendees who registered via Zoom Meetings®) None

II: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

N/A, 2/15/2022 is the first ever meeting for this Stakeholder Group/Commission, so there are no previous minutes to approve,

III: Agenda Items/Discussion Topics: (listed herein in the order topics were discussed live)

- a) **Agenda Topic:** Individual Introductions **Time Allotted:** 60 minutes **Presenter:** All in attendance

Discussion Conversation/Conclusion Closing:

All individual stakeholders were able to spend 3-4 minutes introducing themselves, sharing which position on the Advisory Stakeholder Group they were representing, their career field, any autism-related experience they were interested in sharing with the group, as well as ideas they may have already had about the work the Stakeholder Group is going to do together. Each of the Stakeholders were engaged in their fellow members' life and career experience, etc. The Stakeholders were incredibly helpful, shared resources and everyone concluded that our group is incredibly diverse in experience, education, background, geographic location and in many other aspects, as well.

Action Item:

Connect Stakeholders who requested to connecting to other Stakeholders to collaborate between each of them organizations.

Responsible Party:

Katie Gandy, Chair

Deadline:

March 31st, 2022

IV: Names of Resource Personnel:

- 1) Nan Brittingham at the Maryland Department of Disabilities (Ombudsman) at nan.brittingham@maryland.gov
- 2) MSDE Ombudsman (staff member in this position is responsible for coordinating educational resources, et al.) (KG to research and follow-up with Stakeholders by the end of April 2022).

V: Additional Notes:

Stakeholder Group next full body meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7th, 2022 at 6:00 pm** (date and time will be finalized no later than **February 28th, 2022**). The upcoming meeting will be held in hybrid format with an in-person option at the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI) at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland 21032 in the 1st floor GCO/GOCI conference room (adjacent to the building's front doors). Individuals interested in participating in the in-person option, masking is recommended but not required in Maryland state buildings.