

Missouri Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders  
September 13, 2013 Minutes

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Bernard Simons, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities,  
Department of Mental Health  
Stephen Barr, EdD, Assistant Commissioner, Department of  
Elementary and Secondary Education  
Rebecca Blackwell, MA, BCBA, President/Director, Judevine Center  
Paula Darr for Steve Cramer, Administrator, Section of Special  
Health Services, Department of Health and Senior Services  
Crystal Kroner, PhD, Research Associate, Department of Higher  
Education  
Rachel Hassani for Scott T. Rupp, Senate Majority Representative  
Phyllis Wolfram, MS, Director of Special Services, Ozark School  
District  
Jean–Paul Bovee, MA, MLS, Constituent Representative  
Connie Hébert, MEd, Director, Southeast Missouri State University  
Autism Center for Diagnosis and Treatment  
Amy Kessel attending for MO HealthNet Division, Department of  
Social Services

**ABSENT COMMISSIONERS:**

Paula Baker, MS, President and CEO, Freeman Health Center  
Ozark Center  
David Crowe, DDS, Tailor Institute, Parent Representative  
John Mantovani, MD, St. John’s Mercy Medical Center  
Lee Bascom, MSW, LCSW, Parent Representative  
Michele Kilo, MD, Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics  
Dwight Scharnhorst, House Majority Representative  
Genise Montecillo, House Minority Representative  
Molly White, MHA, Insurance Regulatory Manager, Life and  
Healthcare Section, Department of Insurance, Financial  
Institutions and Professional Registration  
Vicki McCarrell, MA, Deputy Director, Division of Developmental  
Disabilities, Department of Mental Health  
Tiffany Daniels, Constituent Representative

**COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:**

Monica Hoy, Assistant to the Director, Department of Mental Health  
Kit Glover, Director, Office of Autism Services  
Linda Miller, Coordinator, Office of Autism Services  
Katherine Pigg, Project Specialist, Office of Autism Services  
Leigh Haslag, Administrative, Office of Autism Services, Department  
of Mental Health

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Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting started at 10:00 am. Commissioners and guests identified themselves.</li> <li>• Kit Glover called for <b>Approval of the Agenda</b>: Stephen Barr asked for the agenda to be amended due to adding a Bryce’s Law. Jean-Paul Bovee moved to approve the amended agenda; Phyllis Wolfram seconded.</li> <li>• <b>Approval of Minutes</b> for the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Stephen Barr moved and Connie Hebert seconded. For the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting Bernard Simons moved and Becky Blackwell seconded.</li> <li>• Kit Glover went over the handouts; Analysis of the Impact on House Bill 253</li> <li>• Monica Hoy reviewed the <b>Commission Terms, Vacancies, Meetings</b> (statutory obligation of 4 meetings per year).</li> <li>• Kit Glover reported that there was no <b>Public Communication</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Bryce’s Law</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephan Barr updated the Commission regarding Bryce’s Law. Dr. Barr asked the Commission members for feedback on resource items; Kit Glover offered what OAS has come up with regarding resources. Will give an update at the next Commission meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bernie Simons update the Commission on House Bill 253 - they did not override the Governor’s veto – he will update everyone when they plan to release the funds that were held.</li> <li>• Bernie also informed the Commission they will see this year a new decision item that is mandatory in the budget for FY15.</li> </ul>
<b>OAS Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kit Glover gave the Commission an update on what has been going on in OAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National Autism Leadership Conference Calls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Good opportunity to see what other states have been doing regarding Autism.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs / Experimental Sites Initiatives (Crystal Kroner) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bernie asked the Commission to think about “Where are we Post-Secondary Education”?</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Medicaid Waiver Educational Supports Draft Definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bernie asked the Commission to think about the Pell Grant</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Public Safety Outreach Effort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ OAS ordered CD’s to hand out to the Autism Navigators to help further education around the community.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Closing Remarks Adjourn</b>	<p>The commission adjourned at approximately 11: 15 a.m. <b>NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 8, 2013, at Dept. Of Mental Health</b></p>