



## NHCASD Meeting Notes \* August 30, 2024 \* On ZOOM

Members and Attendance		
Name	Organization/Representing	Meeting Status
	The governor, or designee.	
	The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.	
Deirdre Dunn Tierney	The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.	Present Virtual
	The director of the division of public health services, department of health and human services, or designee	
Jessica Gorton	The bureau chief of the bureau of developmental services, department of health and human services, or designee.	Present Virtual
	The director of the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, or designee.	
	A special education director, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Special Education Administrators, Inc	
	The president of the New Hampshire Medical Society, or designee.	
Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre	A representative of the New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council, appointed by the council.	Present Virtual
Amy Frechette	An individual who has an AUTISM spectrum disorder, appointed by the governor.	Present Virtual

Mariss Berg	(m) A representative of the Community Support Network, Inc., appointed by such organization	Present Virtual
	A representative of the New Hampshire Psychological Association, appointed by the association.	
	The director of the office of Medicaid business and policy, department of health and human services, or designee.	
1. Gina Cannon	Up to 5 additional members, nominated by the council and appointed by the governor.	Virtual
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	A person who has an AUTISM spectrum disorder, appointed by the council	
Pamela Rice	A representative of the New Hampshire Nurses' Association, appointed by the association	Present Virtual
Kathyrn Greenslade	A licensed speech-language pathologist, appointed by the New Hampshire Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Inc	Present Virtual
<b>A QUORUM WAS NOT REACHED</b>		
(*) delineates family member of/or individual with a disability which counts toward an in-person quorum.		
<b>Guests or Members of the Public</b>		

<b>Louis Esposito</b>	<b>Executive Director, ABLENH</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
<b>Ann Sanok</b>	<b>Member of the Public, Parent</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
<b>Jessica Gorton</b>	<b>Bureau Chief, DHHS BDS</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
<b>Lisa Steadman</b>	<b>Statewide Family Support Council, Parent</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
<b>Kelly Ehrhart</b>	<b>Member of the Public, Individual</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
<b>Shannon Bouchard</b>	<b>Member of the Public, Parent</b>	
<b>Carrie Duran</b>	<b>Administrative Support</b>	<b>Virtual</b>

## Introductions and Meeting Minutes

- Each person on the call introduced themselves and stated which seat they were representing or if they were a member of the public.
- Review of meeting notes/ minutes. We do not have a quorum to approve the minutes.

## Membership Discussion

- Discussed a potential change in the RSA to change required membership positions.
  - Some organizations are no longer in existence
  - More self-advocates needed to be reflected in the RSA
  - Discussed legislators who may be able to assist in submitting a LSR to change the RSA to reflect the current community needs.
  - Next meeting to review the all the seats.
  - Membership is heavy on professionals and not on families and individuals
- Kelly Ehrhart and Shannon Bouchard are interested in becoming members.

## General Discussion

- Goals and Mission of the council
  - More members would equal more working subcommittees
  - What is our charge and focus?
  - Potential subcommittees: Early Childhood, Adolescent, Transition, Adult Services, Advocacy, Training and Education
- Send out meeting day and time out to all networks. Get the word out about the Council is a priority.

## Immediate Goals and Tasks

Council Organizational Tasks and Priorities (ongoing)

- Membership Committee: Set up meeting and create a timeline and official procedures for membership. Create an application for membership. Carrie asked parents and advocates to email her directly with interest in becoming a member.
- appoint member to the Quality Council
- Develop a Communication Committee to work on Website design and Facebook messaging (Kelly Ehrhart)
- By-Law Committee How do we want to proceed? (Lisa Steadman, Gina Cannon, Kelly Ehrhart, Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre, Louis Esposito) – Should reflect the need for some to attend virtually because of disability.

## Scheduling Future Meetings

Discussion about scheduling.

- A set monthly meeting time needs to be established
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month at 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. was chosen – except for September.
- Carrie to send out a Doodle Poll to determine next meeting.
- Focus of September Meeting will be to review and offer membership suggestions on the RSA.

## Public Comment

Karen Blake: Membership should include self-advocates. Nothing About Us Without Us.  
 Louis Esposito: Goals and Mission: Transition between 18-21 and higher education should be a focus.  
 Vocational Rehab should be included on the council.

## Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by: Carrie Duran, Quality Council Administrator,  
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