

## EIDBI Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2017

Attending: Brooke Anderson, Tom Billigmeier, Josh Craig, Ashwak Hassan, Lori Hilmer, Kelly Kausel, Eric Larsson, Charles Ledonio, Maggie Leshner, Kara Mensink, Fatima Molas, Ayaan Musa, Jay O'Neill, Sara Pahl, Steven Schmidt, Maci Spica, Kate Swenson, Nicholas Volkmuth, Teri Woelfel

Participating by phone: Barb Dalbec, Amy Esler, Jennifer Hall-Lande, Trista Linn, Vanessa Slivken

Absent: Amy Esler, Melissa Fredin, Evan Henspeter, Patina Park, Delia Samuel, Kim Schulze, Sheri Stronach, Ann Tesch

Staff: Nicole Berning, Gail Dekker, Mariam Egal, Gerry Nord, Paj Thao, Sarah Thorson, Jason Flint

### Background

This was the second meeting of the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) Advisory Group. The group was formed to advise the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) on the ongoing development and implementation of the EIDBI Benefit. The benefit is for people under the age of 21 with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and related conditions who are eligible for or who receive Medical Assistance (Medicaid). Staff from the Disability Services Division of DHS administer the benefit.

### April parent meeting

Disability Services staff hosted the first quarterly parents meeting in Brooklyn Park. About 70 people attended. Although the meeting was promoted as being for parents, a number of provider staff and county staff attended as well. Josh Craig attended the parents meeting representing the EIDBI Advisory Group. He reported on his impressions at the advisory group meeting. There were many questions from parents about the benefit, about the assessment, how to navigate state services, and so on.

### Legislative update

With the recent passage of the [EIDBI legislative amendment](#), the Legislature directed the Department of Human Services to develop a set of exceptions to address the provider shortage in Minnesota.

### Provider qualifications

During the meeting, EIDBI policy staff provided a presentation on the provider shortage, giving a brief background and context for the shortage across the state and outlining the current qualifications for EIDBI providers. Following the presentation, members worked in small groups to provide their feedback. DHS

staff will compile and summarize the feedback, including feedback from members who were not at the meeting. [You may read a copy of the presentation here \(PDF\)](#).

#### Next parent meetings

DHS will host three meetings for parents, potential providers, lead agency staff (counties, tribes and managed care organizations), advocates and others on June 21 and 22. For more information, see [June 21, 22 public meetings in Duluth about EIDBI Benefit](#)

#### Next advisory group meeting

The next EIDBI Advisory Group meeting will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, July 14, at 444 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Room 3148.