

**Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (AIACC)**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2011**

**Alabama Institute for Training and Development**

The AIACC met on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at the Alabama Institute for Training and Development. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cam Ward. Council members in attendance were as follows: ex-officio member and State Autism Coordinator Caroline Gomez, Linda Bachus, Fred Biasini, Jerimie Goike, Hanes Swingle, Tristan Dunn, Myra Jones, Becky Nordgren, Melanie Jones, Zelia Baugh, Evan Krchak, Kathy Welch, and Jerimie Goike. The following proxies were in attendance as well: Tonya Lee representing Marquita Davis, Dawn Ellis representing Don Williamson, Alicia Hodge Myrick representing Joe Morton, David Savage representing Cary Boswell, and Theresa Thomas representing R. Bob Mullins.

Senator Ward welcomed all attendees and introduced Representative Becky Nordgren as a new member of the Council. She is filling his seat in the House of Representatives following Chairman Ward's move to the Senate.

Chairman Ward then introduced Commissioner Zelia Baugh of the Alabama Department of Mental Health. Commissioner Baugh announced the Interim Associate Commissioner of the Division of Intellectual Disabilities will be Ann White-Spunner. Ms. Baugh then informed the Council the Division of Intellectual Disabilities Coordinating Sub-committee voted to approve a proposal to change the name of the Intellectual Disabilities Division to the Division of Developmental Disabilities. This change is contingent on approval by the Management Steering Committee.

Commissioner Baugh also shared that the Office of Children's Services will be moving to the Intellectual (soon to be Developmental) Disabilities Division.

Minutes of the last meeting, held May 26, 2011, were presented to the Council for review, by e-mail, prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, it was seconded and the minutes were adopted.

State Coordinator Caroline Gomez shared that this will be her last meeting as the State Autism Coordinator. Dr. Gomez commented on the work that has been accomplished and thanked those that she has worked with in this capacity.

Kim Hill then distributed ballots so the Council could resolve the tie between Tristan Dunn and Jerimie Goike for a position on the Executive Committee. Votes were cast, the ballots collected and to be tabulated by Ms. Hill with the assistance of Dr. Fred Biasini.

The Strategic Planning Committee shared the printed version of the Strategic Plan. A motion was made to adopt and seconded, and the action plan was adopted.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. Mark Hayden, who presented *My Experiences as a Parent of a Child with Autism – in Remission*. Slides from Dr. Hayden's presentation will be available on the website.

Melanie Jones with the Autism Society of Alabama distributed information on Camp Frog, 2011 in September and also mentioned the upcoming Gala that will be October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy Welch of Easter Seals announced they now have an Autism Resource Room in their office. Those interested should contact Easter Seals for the operating hours.

Kim Hill informed the council that the votes were tallied, and Tristan Dunn had been selected to serve in the consumer position on the Executive Committee. Ms. Hill also distributed a flyer for the 2011 Early Intervention and Preschool Conference.

The date of next meeting of the Council will be announced at a later time.

Chairperson Ward adjourned the meeting.

Recording Secretary

  
C. S. Weldon

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Minutes submitted and approved November 15, 2011

  
Chairman, Senator Cam Ward