



STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Secretary of State
Frankfort
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RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUTISM

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has always promoted effective and efficient management of state government operations; and

WHEREAS, improved efficiency and economy will result from the establishment of an entity that will address the specific needs of persons on the Autism Spectrum; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order will enhance the provision of services to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has committed to the integration of physical and behavioral health toward improving the development and provision of services to persons on the Autism Spectrum; and

WHEREAS, research provides evidence to support the importance of early screening, identification, and intervention in the improved outcomes of persons on the Autism Spectrum; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky recognizes, incorporates and values the role of families, self-advocates, public and private providers; and further recognizes that the delivery of services for persons on the Autism Spectrum requires coordinated efforts that cross multiple government sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky can provide a centralized location for collection and dissemination of service information, funding opportunities, development of the necessary infrastructure to provide an avenue of communication for the state agencies to assure availability of autism-related information to and from families, and promotion of greater collaboration and coordination among both public and private providers:



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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and KRS 12.028, do hereby Order and Direct as follows:

- I. The Advisory Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders (“Council”) is hereby created and established, and shall be attached to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for administrative purposes and housed at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville
- II. Personnel primarily assigned to the Council shall report to the Council.
- III. In addition to the duties outlined below, the Council shall complete a bi-annual report on Autism Spectrum Disorders and submit the report to the Commonwealth Council on Disabilities and the Governor.
- IV. The Council shall be responsible for:
 - A. Promoting the vision for Kentucky’s services and support to persons on the Autism Spectrum and their families and advocating for improved quality and evidence-based practices for persons on the Autism Spectrum and their families;
 - B. Promoting the early screening, identification, early intervention and appropriate use of evidence-based practices and standards of care for persons on the Autism Spectrum across the lifespan;
 - C. Strengthening state, regional and local level collaboration and coordination with families, self-advocates, support groups, and state agencies to further coordinate, develop and enhance the service delivery system for persons on the Autism Spectrum across the lifespan;
 - D. Gathering and analyzing research and data to assess the quality and availability of programs and services for persons on the Autism Spectrum and providing recommendations on assessments, interventions, and treatment modalities across the lifespan.
 - E. Developing recommendations for:
 1. Increasing participation in existing federal, state, and local programs that serve children, youth, and adults on the Autism Spectrum;
 2. Enhancing the current professional development and planning for future workforce development to incorporate research and evidence-based practices;
 3. Establishing standards of care and undertaking efforts to ensure promotion of these standards statewide;



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4. Promoting the development of services and support to transition youth and adults on the Autism Spectrum.
 - F. Assessing the capacity and effectiveness of institutes of higher education in the state toward supporting the development of the workforce for persons on the Autism Spectrum;
 - G. Requesting and utilizing federal, state, and private funds, including funds from philanthropic sources;
 - H. Improving procedures for assuring accountability and measuring success of programs that receive state, federal, and philanthropic funds;
 - I. Obtaining reports and issuing progress updates on state and federally funded services that impact the quality of Kentucky's system of care for persons on the Autism Spectrum; and
 - J. Other duties and responsibilities as designated by the Governor.
- V. The Council shall consist of twenty six (26) persons appointed by the Governor. The Council may invite non-members to serve on committees and workgroups created by the Council. Appointive members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses they incur in carrying out the duties of the Council. State travel regulations regarding travel policies, procedures, and allowances shall govern travel reimbursement.
- VI. Members of the Council shall initially be appointed to serve staggered terms and thereafter shall be appointed to serve a term of four (4) years.
- VII. The members appointed to the Council by the Governor shall include the following:
- A. One (1) representative from the Department for Public Health;
 - B. One (1) representative from the Department for Medicaid Services;
 - C. One (1) representative from the Department for Community Based Services;
 - D. One (1) representative from the Department of Public Advocacy;
 - E. One (1) representative from the Kentucky Department of Education;
 - F. Two (2) representatives from the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities;
 - G. One (1) representative from the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs;
 - H. One (1) parent or youth representative from the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities;



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- I. One (1) representative from the Kentucky Autism Training Center;
 - J. One (1) representative from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation;
 - K. One (1) representative from the University of Louisville;
 - L. One (1) representative from the University of Kentucky Human Development Institute;
 - M. One (1) representative from the University of Kentucky;
 - N. One (1) representative from the Center for Autism Spectrum Evaluation, Service and Research;
 - O. One (1) representative from the Education Professional Standards Board;
 - P. One (1) pediatrician representative;
 - Q. One (1) representative from the Weisskopf Child Evaluation Center;
 - R. One (1) representative from the First Steps Program;
 - S. One (1) representative from the Arc of Kentucky;
 - T. At least one (1) consumer representative, with a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum; and
 - U. Five (5) citizen-at-large members.
- VIII. The Co-chairs of the Advisory Council shall be the Representatives of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.
- IX. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Personnel Cabinet, the Finance and Administration Cabinet, and the Office of the State Budget Director shall take any and all necessary actions to effectuate the provisions of this Order.
- X. I hereby appoint the following to serve as members of the Advisory Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders:
- A. I hereby appoint the following to serve as members of the Council for a term expiring October 15, 2018:
 - Dr. Gail Williams, pediatrician representative;
 - Anne Weaver, parent or youth representative from the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities;
 - Mary Karen Stumbo, citizen-at-large representative;
 - Anna Whites, citizen-at-large representative;
 - Melanie Tyner-Wilson, citizen-at-large representative;
 - Larry Taylor, representative from the Kentucky Autism Training Center;
 - Jackie Richardson, representative from the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs; and



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Dr. Allen Brenzel, representative from the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.

- B. I hereby appoint the following to serve as members of the Council for a term expiring October 15, 2017:

Dr. Gregory Barnes, representative from the University of Louisville;
Harold Kleinert, representative from the University of Kentucky;
Kristen Dawson, M.D., University of Kentucky;
Jonathan Campbell, representative from the Center for Autism Spectrum Evaluation, Service and Research, University of Kentucky;
Ally Brooks, citizen-at-large representative;
Dr. Scott Tomchek, representative from the Weisskopf Child Evaluation Center;
Joy Baum, representative from Arc of Kentucky;
Crystal McAliley, citizen-at-large representative;
Eric T. French, II, a consumer representative with a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum; and
Kim Walters-Parker, representative of the Education Professional Standards Board.

- C. I hereby appoint the following to serve as members of the Council for a term expiring October 15, 2016:

Eddie Phillips, representative from the Department of Public Advocacy; Director of the Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Next-Generation Learners, Division of Learning Services;
Lynne Flynn, representative from the Department for Medicaid Services;
Tal Curry, representative from the Department for Public Health;
David Beach, representative from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation;
Paula Goff, representative from the First Steps Program;
Natalie Kelly, representative from the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities; and
Diane Underwood, representative from the Department for Community Based Services.

I hereby appoint Dr. Gregory Barnes and Harold Kleinert to serve as Co-chairs of the Council.

Please issue Commissions to them.



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Executive Orders 2014-618 and 2015-0113 are hereby rescinded.


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REORGANIZATION PLAN

SUMMARY OF PLAN

This Executive Order establishes the Advisory Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders as an organizational unit and administrative body attached to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for administrative purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT

No changes will occur.

PERSONNEL IMPACT

No changes will occur.

NET EFFECT

No changes will occur.