Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism Related Needs (ASGARN)

FY24 4th Quarter Meeting May 21st, 2024





Meeting Guidelines

Goal 1:

To create a safe, positive, and inclusive environment for the advisory group, participants, staff, and the public.

Goal 2:

Create a safe space for diversity of contributors, thoughts, and ideas.



Meeting Guidelines

- Assume positive intent on the part of advisory members, moderators, participants, and staff.
- **Listen actively.** Allow others to complete their thoughts, listening to listen, and not listening to respond.
- One speaker at a time, prioritizing those who haven't spoken yet.
- Default to "both / and" thinking instead of either/or thinking.
- **Members and public**, please wait for the appropriate open forum section to speak.



Roll Call

Maryland DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES

Governor Appointed:

Adam Shafer Jones

Christy Russell

Devan Southerland

Emily Arker

Lisa Wiederlight

Nicole Christine LeBlanc

Peggy Ann Pugh

Roger Thibaudeau

Coordinator Appointed:

Elizabeth Benevides

Gregory S. Robinson

JaLynn Prince

Jess L. Wilcox Cowing, PhD

Lydia X.Z. Brown, JD

Melissa Rosenberg

Nancy Forsythe, MA, EdS.

Nikki Stokes

Rachel Leah Kraus, LCSW-C

Ryan T. Roddey, PhD

Trevor Byrd

Yoreidy Vasquez-Tavarez, PhD, ABPP

MGA Appointed:

Del. Julie Palakovich Carr

Del. Michele Guyton

Ex-Officio

Ami Taubenfeld

Fatima Salem

Rachel London

Raymond Marshall

Rebecca Rienzi

Government designee:

Carmen Brown

Courtney Thomas-Winterberg

Janet Furman

Kim McKay

Victoria Rodriguez-Roldan, JD

Opening Remarks by Chair

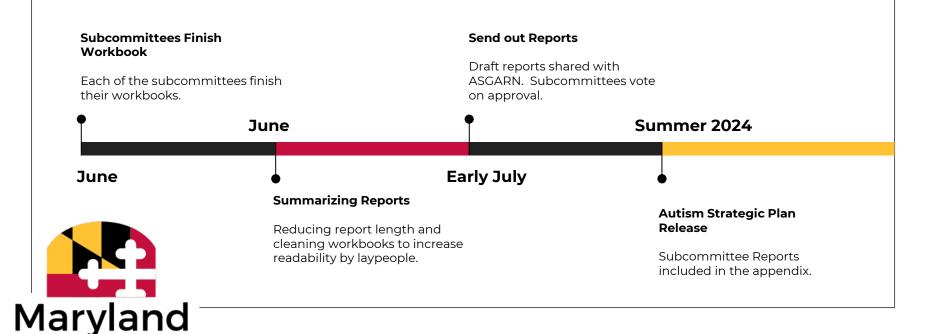


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Subcommittee Reports

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES



ASGARN Subcommittee Updates

Education

Housing & Community Integration

Safety & Trainin g

Employment / Transportation

Health



Current ASGARN

VacanciesRepresentative from the Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

Governor's Appointment

Qualified candidates encouraged to apply with the Governor's Office of **Appointments**

- Physical therapist
- Pediatrician



Upcoming Meetings

Pending scheduling for 24-25 fiscal year



ASGARN Comments



Public Comments



Closing Remarks



Contact Us



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