

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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Name of Governmental Body: Children's Long Term Support Council		Attending: Liz Hecht (Chair); Nissan Bar-Lev (Member); Charity Eleson (Member); Dan Idzikowski (Member); Joanne Juhnke (Member); Barbara Katz (Member); Beth Swedeen (Member); Sandra Tierney (Member)
Date: 3/7/2018	Time Started: 9:00 a.m.	Time Ended: 12:10 p.m.
		Participating by phone: Naomi Beahm (Member); Melanie Fralick (Member); Darsell Johns (Member)
		Alternate Member Participants at Meeting: Angela Radloff (for Lynn Green, Council Member)
		DHS Staff Attending: Deb Rathermel; Andrea Jacobson; Sarah Kate Johnson; Autumn Knudtson; Sue Larsen, Nancy Bills, Gary Roth (AV Technician); Kelsey Mueller; Elizabeth Gullickson; Jeff Blankenheim; Carrie Kahn
		Members of the Public: None
Location: WI Department of Health Services Building, 1 West Wilson Street, Room 751, Madison, WI		Presiding Officer: Liz Hecht, Chairperson

### Minutes

Welcome by Liz Hecht and Introductions of Council Members and DHS Staff:

Public Comments: None

#### OPERATIONAL:

>Nissan Bar-Lev distributed handouts and went through them with the Council, they were titled: "The Number of Students with Disabilities in Wisconsin's Public & Private Schools"; "WI Department of Public Instruction Autism Eligibility Checklist ELG-AUT-001 (Rev. 07-09); "WI Department of Public Instruction Students With Disabilities in Wisconsin's Public and Private Schools, IDEA Child Count from 2006-07 through 2016-17". This presentation was in follow up to the Access Report from the previous meeting which identified the number of children in Wisconsin with a disability.

>Liz Hecht distributed a handout titled: Children's Long-Term Supports Council "No Wrong Door" Concept (March 2018)

>Council discussed the Children's Access Systems which included -- what families need for supports; how those specific needs vary; supports to include: family education; assistance and advocacy; system navigation; individual child development; implementation and eligibility determination; family to family peer support.

>Council strategized about what the Children's Access System should look like including; organizing outreach efforts; defining funding sources; training peer specialists and family navigators; targeted case management; additional reach out efforts to children and families not currently receiving benefits but could possibly be eligible; coordinating assistance with existing groups and organizations; assessing possible duplication of services; importance of data collection and continual

program results review; creating a formal information agreement sharing system with other state agencies including WI Department of Public Instruction and WI Department of Children and Families.

>The Bureau of Children's Long Term Support Services is drafting a "No Wrong Door" concept paper for submission into the 2019-2021 state budget document. The Bureau Director is looking for Council member input on the following: What do families need for services and supports (the right touch at the right time for the right family) which are all unique; how can these families also be connected to existing community resources; suggestions on creating a clear and comprehensive vision to maximize each child's future potential/health/living skills/education/higher level of functioning. Creating an access system that is family centered -- supporting child, parents, siblings, and other family caregivers. Encouraged members to offer ideas and suggestions at today's meeting.

>Council also discussed the importance of including an advocacy piece and support for front line staff (benefit specialists) who assist with: appeal denials; assist families with school issues; navigate insurance denials process; day care issues; and family skill building. Council expressed support for regional resource centers (exploring the need for more); trying to use existing systems as much as possible; looking at geographic issues (regional staffing disparity); defining functions and ensuring consistency; looking at service structure from the family's perspective; create a flexible system that follows the family and supports their needs.

>Deb Rathermel thanked all of the CLTS Council members for their assistance in helping to define important areas of consideration as they define final recommendations for the Children's Access System.

ADJOURNMENT:

>Liz adjourned the Council meeting. Next CLTS Council meeting will be on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Madison at the American Center, 5109 West Terrace Drive, Salon C, Madison.

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Prepared by: Nancy Bills on 3/30/2018.

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