

**Division of Long Term Care
Treatment Intervention Advisory Committee (TIAC)
Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities**

July 26, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Department of Health Services
1 W. Wilson Street, Room B139
Madison, WI 53707

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members: Jennifer Asmus (via Adobe Connect), Roger Bass, Maribeth Gettinger, Lana Collet-Klingenberg, Christine Peterson (via Adobe Connect)

Committee Members Absent: Michael Axelrod

DHS Staff Present: Julie Bryda, Sue Larsen, Bill Murray, Alyssa Zirk

Members of the Public: Chrissy Aurit, Karla Ausderau, Teri Black, Mary Chucka, Melissa Cole, Megan Dieringer, Barb Evans, Nicole France, Stephanie Gifford, Heather Goldstein, Tami Goldstein, Mitchell Hagopian, Richelle Kroening, Chris Metzler, Nancy Dexter-Schabow, Mary Schneider, Laura Lee Schwefel, Julie Solberg, Jan Stevens, J. Temple, Bob Welch

The meeting began at 10:07 a.m.

Welcome

- Brian Shoup, DHS Division of Long Term Care Administrator, introduced himself and welcomed the committee. Brian stated his support for the work of this committee, acknowledging the Division's need for this work, and the importance of reviewing the efficacy of individual treatments.

Public Testimony

- Mitchell Hagopian, Disability Rights Wisconsin, shared the following testimony and beliefs:
 1. The TIAC should use lesser standards when evaluating the quality of the research that supports any identified treatment.
 2. The Department should finalize their internal review process.
 3. DHS 107.035 standards may not apply to the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waivers.
 4. "No evidence of harm" is sufficient to eliminate questionable treatments and still allow flexibility.
 5. The determination of efficacy should be based on any given professional's assessment of perceived benefit to the child.
 6. The TIAC determinations should be "proposed" and allow for review by other entities before becoming final.
- Jan Stevens (Rehab Resources) stated she agrees with Mr. Hagopian's comments and relayed her agency works closely with providers of autism treatment services, and that sensory integration helps children with autism spectrum disorder.
- There were no other public comments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Lana Collet-Klingenberg made a motion to approve the May 3, 2013, meeting minutes; Roger Bass seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Presentation on Sensory Integration Therapy (SIT)

American Occupational Therapy Association & Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association

- Both the American Occupational Therapy (OT) Association and the Wisconsin OT Association were invited to share presentations relative to the efficacy of sensory integration therapy (SIT) with children with autism spectrum disorder.
- Both Associations gave a 45 minute presentation, followed by questions and answers related to the presentation and to share clarifying details.
- Tammy Goldstein and Heather Goldstein (public guests) opted to use this time to share personal stories relative to the benefits of SIT in their lives.

Therapy Updates and Reviews

Updates on the following therapies were given by TIAC members:

1. PLAY Project: Per email conversations with Dr. Solomon, the grant-funded studies have been completed and submitted for publication. There is currently no additional research to review.
2. Vision therapy: A recommendation was made for a Level 4 determination.
3. Rapid prompting: A recommendation was made for a Level 4 determination.
4. Multisystemic therapy (for ASD): A recommendation was made for a Level 4 determination.
5. Equine-assisted psychotherapy: Reviewers indicated a need for more time to review the literature.
6. DIR/Floortime: Reviewers indicated a need for more time to help parse out overlapping literature between the PLAY Project, the Denver Model and “pure” DIR/Floortime research. These overlapping studies confound an understanding of treatment efficacy.

Proposed treatments

Tomatis therapy was discussed and reviewers volunteered to review the research. A request from DHS to the provider for information will be forthcoming.

Inner Rhythms Brain Mapping was discussed and there was a suggestion that this might be a form of assessment rather than a therapy. More information is needed. A request from DHS to the provider for information resulted in no information being received.

Meeting adjournment

- Lana Collet-Klingenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Maribeth Gettinger seconded the motion; motion carried.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.