

# Regional Autism Assistance Program (RAP) Expert Panel Advisory Committee

Wednesday, Apr 14, 2021

10:00 am- 12:00 noon

Via Zoom

## Agenda

We will be flexible to accommodate legislators joining the meeting as their schedules allow.

- **Welcome, attendance**
  
- **Discussion Topic:** Alyson Beytien, Life Connections- Dubuque Community School District School notification regarding the district no longer excusing absences for students to attend regular and ongoing therapy, including ABA therapy.
  
- **Updates:**
  - Rachell Swanson-Holm, *Learn the Signs. Act Early*, Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
  - Connie Fanselow, DHS, Autism Support Program
  - Kelly Pelzel, University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital Autism Center
  - Kristine Steinmetz, Autism Society of Iowa, Legislative Updates
  - Leslie Rogers, ChildServe
  - Brad Zelinger, Stride Autism Center
  - Steve Muller/Evelyn Horton, Balance Autism, Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) requirements update
  - Erika Hertel, Regional Autism Assistance Program (RAP)
  - Other members and guests

## Planning to join as schedules allow

- Senator Sarah Trone Garriott (D)
- Representative Ann Meyer (R)
- Representative Art Staed (D)
- Senator Tim Kraayenbrink (R)
- Senator Amanda Ragan (D) - would like to be involved in future

## Requested additional information

Senator Jack Whitver's (R) secretary reached out for additional information and was checking his schedule.

## Would like to meet in future

Senator Joe Bolkcom (D) is unable to attend, but would like to get together in the future. Will share next meeting date once scheduled.