

Regional Autism Assistance Program (RAP)
Expert Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2018

The August meeting of the Regional Autism Assistance Program Expert Advisory Committee was held via e-mail to reestablish the Committee with the July 1 Iowa Department of Public Health Budget Reinstatement for fiscal year 2019. The email below was sent to previous Committee Members on August 6, 2018. Responses were noted, with new members invited to fill openings left by departing members. The final list is on page 2 of this document.

Hello RAP Expert Panel Advisory Committee Members,

As you may have heard funding for the Iowa Regional Autism Assistance Program (RAP) was reinstated for FY2019 which began July 1. Thank you for all of your continued support and for the advocacy efforts that helped make this a reality. We are excited to be moving forward with plans for these funds dedicated to helping families.

At this point, we are looking at plans for the RAP Expert Panel Advisory Committee and would like to confirm your interest in continuing on the committee. We are planning four meetings per year, offered in person and/or via technology. Meetings would be a time for all of us to come together to provide updates on work being done to advance Iowa's Strategic Plan to Improve Services and Supports for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their Families and discuss what we can do to continue those efforts. Topic suggestions for discussions, guest speakers, and requests for time on the agenda to provide an update are welcome.

Please review attached membership list and respond to this email with your answers to the questions below by 8/15/18. Note names listed in parentheses are those who may have attended on behalf of the primary listed member. The role listed is the individual's primary role for the committee.

- Do you want to continue as a member of the RAP Expert Panel Advisory Committee?
- Is the correct primary representative for your agency listed? If not, who should be listed?
- If you are no longer able to continue as a member, is there someone from your agency you would like to nominate in your place?

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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**Regional Autism Assistance Program
Expert Advisory Committee Members**

Name (& Designated Representative)	Organization/Role Representing
Alyson Beytien	Hills & Dales/Family Member
Josh Cobbs	Family Advisor
Kimberly Cooke	Family Advisor
Peter Daniolos	UI Stead Family Children's Hospital Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
Connie Fanselow	Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Commission
Heather Hanzlick-Jaacks	Family Advisor
Megan Hartwig	Iowa Department of Public Health
Erika Hertel	Iowa Regional Autism Assistance Program/Family Member
Michelle Holst	Iowa Department of Public Health- 1st Five
Leann Hotchkiss	Family Advisor
Andrea Keith	Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Vanessa Kimm	Family Advisor
Shawn Kolb	ChildServe
Toni Fuller Merfeld	Metro West Learning Center
Steve Muller	Balance Autism
Nathan Noble	Blank Children's Hospital
Michelle Nuehring	Grant Wood AEA
Analisa Pearson	Iowa Department of Public Health
Kelly Pelzel	UI Stead Family Children's Hospital Autism Center
Sacha Pence	Drake University
Mary Roberts	Family Advisor
Leslie Rogers	ChildServe
Natalie Sandbulte	Seasons Center for Behavioral Health
Thomas Scholz	Division of Child & Community Health
Renee Speh	Family Advisor
Kristine Steinmetz	Autism Society of Iowa/Family Member
Melissa Stimmler	Family Advisor
Blake Stephenson	Tanager Place
Rachell Swanson-Holm	Learn the Signs. Act Early., Regional Autism Assistance Program
Wendy Trotter	Iowa Department of Education
Lea VanHorn	Family Advisor

