



Adult Autism Treatment Program Advisory Committee

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Family Health
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To: HHS Interim Committee and Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee
From: Colin Kingsbury (DHHS)
Subject: Adult Autism Treatment Program Advisory Committee - Annual Report - 2022

Purpose

UCA 26-67-202(4) requires the Department report to the legislature each year on the following:

- (4) The advisory committee shall meet as necessary to:
 - (a) advise the department regarding implementation of the program;
 - (b) make recommendations to the department and the Legislature for improving the program;

Executive Summary

The Adult Autism Treatment Account (AATA) was established by the Utah Legislature with the passage of H.B. 86 during the 2020 General Session. The purpose and duties of the AATA are to administer, determine eligibility for, and award funding for the treatment of qualified individuals by awarding a grant from the program on behalf of an applicant to a qualified provider for adult autism treatment. Staff support for the AATA comes from the Utah Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Health, Office of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN). The AATA consists of gifts, grants, donations, or any other conveyance of money made to the fund from private sources, interest earned on money in the account, and money appropriated by the Legislature.

Adult Autism Treatment Account Advisory Committee

The purpose of the AATA Advisory Committee is to:

- Advise CSHCN on the implementation of the program.
- Make recommendations to the Legislature for improving the program.
- Make rules, in collaboration with CSHCN, to govern the administration of the funds.
- Recommend how grants should be awarded, the necessary qualifications of providers, and reporting requirements of the grant recipients to CSHCN.

Recent Activities

- The AATA Advisory Committee has met six times over the last year (10/18/2021,

12/13/2021, 4/4/2022, 6/13/2022, 7/21/2022, and 9/1/2022).

- The AATA is currently accepting applications and has received a total of 24 applications from qualified providers and approved 21.
- The AATA has denied 3 applications. 2 applicants did not meet the requirements as Qualified individuals, and 1 request for funds was for services outside the scope of the AATA.
- The AATA has approved the grant applications for 21 applicants for a total of \$247,198.
- 81.25% of grant recipients demonstrated improved adaptive, behavioral, or communication ability skills.

Recommendations

- None at this time