

Report of the Iowa Autism Council

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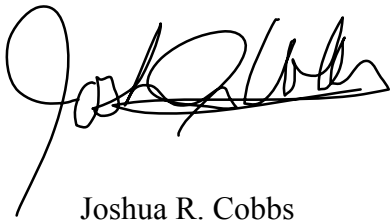
Governor Chet Culver

December 8, 2008

The Iowa Autism Council had its first meeting October 30, 2008 with the 13 appointed members and the ex-officio members of state agencies. The top priorities of each member were identified from the areas of unmet needs defined in the legislation to improve services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Iowa.

The group began work to operationalize their By-laws as an advisory council, learn about open meeting laws, and orient themselves to norms of collaboration. The identification of what information was needed from state agencies and their data collection needs helped drive the formation of two work groups. Agenda development, under the direction of Iowa Department of Education and the elected chairperson and vice-chair person, will pave the way for continued action toward development of recommendations for the Governor's office and the legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua R. Cobbs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joshua R. Cobbs
Chairperson Iowa Autism Council

IOWA AUTISM COUNCIL

Voting members

Name	Represents	Term Ending Date/ Type of Appointment
Katherine Byers	Parent	April 30, 2012
Joshua Cobbs	Parent	April 30, 2012
Keith Gatrost	Four Oaks	April 30, 2011
Dr. Ghada Hamdan-Allen.....	Researcher	April 30, 2011
John Kohles	Person w/Autism/Student.....	April 30, 2012
Steven Muller	Homestead.....	April 30, 2012
Pamela Parker.....	Parent	April 30, 2011
Mary Percival	Mental Health Professional	April 30, 2010
Danielle Sharpe	Parent	April 30, 2011
Barbara Stineman	Grandparent.....	April 30, 2012
Dr. Charles Wadle	Insurance Industry.....	April 30, 2010
Patrick Westhoff.....	The ARC of Iowa.....	April 30, 2010
Cathy Young.....	Grandparent.....	April 30, 2010

Ex officio members-non voting members

Kenda Jochimsen, designee, Vocational Rehabilitation		
Services Division, Department of Education.....		Statutory
Lana K. Michelson, designee, Department of Education		Statutory
Bill Gardam, designee, Department of Human Services		Statutory
Jim Mumford, designee, Insurance Division, Department of Commerce		Statutory
Dr. Debra Waldron, designee, Department of Public Health		Statutory
Dr. Jeanne Prickett, designee, Board of Regents.....		Statutory
Becky Harker, designee, Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council....		Statutory