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Governor makes appointments to newly formed Autism Council

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder today announced appointments to the recently created Autism Council.

The 12-member council was announced in June and will operate within the state Department of Community Health (DCH) to oversee Michigan's Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) State Plan.

"The Michigan Autism Council will help coordinate our state plan and help make sure individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families can live better lives," Snyder said. "I thank the appointees for their willingness to serve and eagerness to make a positive difference in the lives of others."

Executive Order 2012-11 created the council as an advisory body to review, adopt and implement the State Plan. The plan will provide for comprehensive, lifespan supports to individuals with ASD and their families through access to information and resources, coordination of services and implementation of evidence-based practices. The council must also update the plan every year.

The appointees are:

Mary Chaliman, of Holt, will represent the state Department of Human Services (DHS) for a two-year term, ending Sept. 30, 2014. Chaliman is director of DHS's Permanency Division, where she oversees the state's adoption program and those that pertain to health, mental health, education, and older youth in child welfare. Before joining DHS, she was a foster care worker and supervisor at the Ingham Co. Independence Agency. Chaliman is a registered social worker, and has bachelor's degrees in communications and English from Michigan State University.

Kimberly Gaedeke, of Plymouth, will represent the state Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) for a two-year term, ending Sept. 30, 2014. Gaedeke is LARA's assistant deputy director, helping implement the new Autism Coverage Reimbursement Fund and coordinating with the Bureau of Health Services and Bureau of Health Professionals on legislative issues. She founded C&K Strategies, LLC, an issue advocacy firm, and previously worked as a legislative aide in the Legislature and for Congressman Fred Upton. She has a bachelor's in political science and public policy from Western Michigan University.

1 interest in the project is known. For this reason, it may be desirable to solicit attendance for these meetings by personal contact or by letter, rather than by public announcement.

5 First Organizational Meeting

10 The first meeting, at which the business portion should be kept brief, sometimes follows a luncheon or dinner. At these meetings for purposes of organization, the call to order can be delayed a few minutes beyond the scheduled time, if desired.

15 ELECTION OF TEMPORARY OFFICERS, AND INTRODUCTORY TALKS. When the person designated for the purpose has called the meeting to order, he announces, "the first business is the election of a chairman." As in a mass meeting, the one who calls the meeting to order can either nominate a chairman pro tem or immediately call for nominations from the floor, and the nominees are voted on by voice. After the chairman pro tem has taken the chair, a secretary is elected, also as in the case of a mass meeting (see p. 547).

20 The chair then calls on the member most interested in the formation of the society to provide background information, or he himself can make the talk. Others can also be asked to give their opinions on the subject, but the chair should not permit any one person to monopolize the meeting.

25 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO FORM A SOCIETY. After a reasonable time for such informal discussion, someone should offer a resolution proposing definite action. Those who planned the meeting should have prepared in advance a suitable resolution, which may be in a form essentially as follows:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that a society for . . . [the object of the proposed society] now be formed [or "shall now be formed"]. 1

This resolution, when seconded, is stated by the chair, and is then open to debate and amendment. Such a resolution, it should be noted, is only a declaration of intention; its adoption does not bring the organization into being, which is accomplished by the adoption of bylaws and the signing of the membership roll by those who initially join the society, as described below. If the meeting is a large one, it is usually better that, except for a brief statement of purpose, the resolution be offered before the introductory talks mentioned above. 5 10

FURTHER BUSINESS RELATING TO ORGANIZATION. After the resolution to organize the society is adopted, the succeeding steps generally are: 15

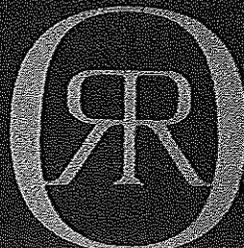
- 1) Introduction and adoption of a motion that a committee of a specified number be appointed by the chair to draft bylaws* for the society—and, where incorporation may be necessary, to consult an attorney as described below. 20
- 2) Introduction and adoption of a motion to fix the date, hour, and place of the next meeting (22), at which the report of the bylaws committee will be presented. If it is impractical to set a time and place for the next meeting, the motion can be that "when the meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the call of the chair." 25
- 3) Introduction and adoption of a motion authorizing the committee on bylaws to provide reproduced copies of 30

*Called the *constitution or constitution and bylaws* in some organizations (see pp. 12–15). For factors affecting the appropriate size of this committee, see pages 566–67.

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Info on DD Council

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 3:11 PM

From: "Norm DeLisle" <ndelisle@mymdrc.org>

To: "James Gallant" <projectparentingtime@yahoo.com>

The DD Council is a state agency inside of the Department of Community Health, rather than a non-profit organization. It is one of the few DDC's (there is one in every state) that isn't a separate organization. It was grandfathered in when the Feds finally made it a requirement that the DDC be separate. The Council members are appointed by the Governor's appointments office, and the meetings are governed by Robert's Rules more or less.

The biggest concrete difference this makes is that the staff are State Employees and part of the civil service system. This has ramifications for bumping into DDC positions though that hasn't been much of an issue in recent years, what with layoffs and retirements.

There is a theoretical concern about advocacy by the DDC, since it is apart of state government, , but I haven't seen it surface recently.

The michigan.gov page for the DDC is <http://goo.gl/chm1k>.

For information about how the Feds view the DD Council mission and state role, go to the National Association of DDCs at <http://goo.gl/BoNmz> and the Administration on DD at <http://goo.gl/8a5xg>

Each DDC has two sister agencies in the state. In Michigan, these are the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service at <http://www.mpas.org> and the Developmental Disabilities Institute at <http://ddi.wayne.edu/>.

There are only a few formal requirements for collaboration between the 3 agencies, all of them purely administrative, but there is a fair amount of policy impact collaboration. Let me know if you have any specific questions about the DDC. I have a fair amount of historical experience with the Council, stretching back to the 80's.

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS
DETROIT

DANIEL H. KRICHBAUM
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January 25, 2013

Mr. James Gallant
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STATEMENT OF CONCERN

MDCR Contact # : 440930
Responding Party : Michigan Dept. of Community Health

Date(s) of Alleged Incident(s) or Harm: September 25, 2012

Dear Mr. Gallant:

You recently contacted the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) alleging an act of unlawful discrimination. The issues you raised are as follows:

I am a person with a disability and believe I was denied the full and equal enjoyment of the respondent's services on September 25, 2012, due to my disability.

I serve as a member of the respondent's economic justice workgroup, a sub-committee of the respondent's Michigan Developmental Disability Council located at 201 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI.

A formal civil rights complaint *has not been filed* about the concern described above. The department cannot take further action regarding your concern because :

As of the date of this letter, we have not received your signed and properly notarized complaint.

You may file a complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights within 180 days of an alleged incident of discrimination under Michigan civil rights law. Please be advised that the Michigan Department of Civil Rights investigates complaints of unlawful discrimination based on a person's race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, height, weight, familial status, arrest record and/or genetic information/testing in the areas of employment, public accommodation, public service, education, housing and law enforcement.

More information can be found at our website: www.michigan.gov/mdcr.

If the most recent allegation of discrimination is beyond 180 days, and it is an employment issue

[To]: Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) and the Economic Justice Workgroup
[RE]: Report on "Grassroots Sustainability Plan" approved October 18, 2011

Chairman Andre Robinson (and) Chairman Robert Spruce,

February 28th, 2012

I respectfully submit this report to comply with my responsibilities under the "Grassroots Sustainability Plan" that was approved as presented [with] additional authority to Wayne State University's Developmental Disabilities Institute (DDI) and James Gallant (Project Parenting Time) to continue working on the Plan with monthly reports from James Gallant.

The DD Council's EJ Workgroup approved a "Grassroots Sustainability Plan" as follows:

"It's the intention of the group to engage in planning for future sustainability of our efforts to 'successfully participate' in systemic decision making with a goal of creating positive & measurable outcomes for people with DD and other devalued or disenfranchised groups."

- 1) Workgroup creates a searchable and accessible home computer database consisting of all of the following:
- a) Rules of procedure for DD Council and EJ Workgroup.
 - b) All written materials officially accepted by the workgroup as an "Informational Item".
 - c) Identify relevant decision makers and their "Rules of Order".

[*Example*]

*Federal Gov't: Contacts *State Gov't: Contacts *Local Gov't: Contacts *Non-Governmental Entities: Contacts

I, hereby, "motion" to the DD Council's EJ Workgroup for the approval of the following resolution [with] a "motion to refer" this issue to Governor Rick Snyder for 'review and written opinion' from Michigan's Attorney General;

It is so Resolved, that the DD Council's Economic Justice Workgroup approves the following entry into the current "Grassroots Sustainability Plan" as Item #1(a);

#1) Workgroup creates a searchable and accessible home computer database consisting of all of the following:

- a) Rules of procedure for DD Council and EJ Workgroup.

1) Legal Authority for DD Council and EJ Workgroup.

- i) The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) provides approximately \$2.6 Million in federal funds to the Governor to fulfill [his] responsibilities under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000.
- ii) Governor Rick Snyder has provided these DDA funds to the currently appointed members of the DD Council under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing the Department of Community Health (DCH) as the "Designated State Agency" and "Fiscal Intermediary" for the council.
- iii) The DD Council has created various committees and workgroups to fulfill their responsibilities under the MOU as outlined in their "Public Policy Statement".

Therefore, The "Rules of procedure" for the DD Council and EJ Workgroup under the current MOU includes, but is not limited to,

- 1) Compliance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act
 - 2) Compliance with Michigan's Freedom of Information Act,
- [And] 3) "Robert's Rules of Order Revised" (11th ed.) without any additional "Special Rules of Order" is the "Approved Parliamentary Authority Manual" for conduct in meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Gallant, Project Parenting Time, Marquette, MI.

February 28th, 2012

Economic Justice Workgroup for Michigan's DD Council

"Grassroots Sustainability Plan" Oct. 18, 2011

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[*EXAMPLE*]

Federal Gov't:

- 1) President & First Lady of United States of America [contact info]
 - a) President's Commission on Intellectual Disabilities [Contacts]
- 2) Social Security Administration [Committees/Rules/Officials]
- 3) Dept of Health & Human Serv. [Committees/Rules/Officials]
- 4) Dept of Transportation [Committees/Rules/Officials]

Michigan State Gov't:

- 1) Governor/Lt. Governor/Attorney General [Contact Info]
- 2) Director of Dept. of Community Health [Contact Info]
 - a) Deputy Directors [Committees/Rules/Officials]
- 3) Dept of Transportation [Committees/Rules/Officials]
- 4) Dept of Education [Committees/Rules/Officials]

Local Gov't:

- 1) Mayor/City Council [Committees/Rules/Officials]
- 2) County CMH/Board of Health [Committees/Rules/Officials]
- 3) City/Regional Transit Authority [Committees/Rules/Officials]
- 4) County/City Economic Development Authority

Non-Governmental Entities

- 1) Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards
- 2) Michigan Disability Rights Coalition
- 3) Contract Provider's Associations and Trade Unions
- 4) Others



The Standards Group

January 14, 2010

Mr. James Gallant
Project Parenting Time
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Dear Mr. Gallant,

This letter is in response to your ongoing interest in The Standards Group and your repeated requests to have your issues considered as a priority for TSG action.

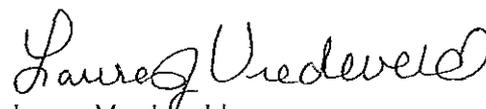
You have the right as a member of the public to offer public comment during TSG Executive Committee Meetings and/or TSG Governing Board meetings under the guidelines established in Section V. E of the Memo of Understanding between the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards regarding TSG, which was previously provided to you. This does not obligate the TSG Board to engage in any additional discussion on the topics you present or to take any formal action on your requests.

The topics that you proposed during both the September 25, 2009 and October 30, 2009 TSG Governing Board meetings were taken into consideration during the October 30, 2009 Governing Board meeting as an agenda item for discussion. While members of the TSG Board heard your concerns and considered them, the Board determined at that meeting that it has no intention of taking action on the issues you presented and none of the topics you presented have been prioritized for further action.

Notice of TSG Executive Committee and Governing Board meetings as well as meeting minutes of these meetings are routinely posted on the MACMHB website (www.macmhb.org). Workgroup meetings are not open to the public and workgroup meeting minutes are not publicly posted. You have not been selected as a member of any TSG workgroup and you will not be personally notified or invited to participate in those workgroup meetings.

In summary, The Standards Group will afford you five minutes of public comment at its Executive Committee and Governing Board meetings. No further action from The Standards Group Director or Board members should be expected at this time.


Joanne Sheldon
TSG Board Chair


Laura Vredevelde
TSG Director

Cc: TSG File
TSG Executive Committee

To: The Standards Group (MDCH), Lansing, MI
C/o: Laura Vredeveld, Program Director

The undersigned members of the Vietnam Veterans of America respectfully requests the following recommendations be approved as "The Standards Group (MDCH) Priorities 2010".

(#1) "Person-Centered Planning Standards, including independent facilitation" as recommended by Mike Head, Deputy Director MDCH (Oct. 30, 2009 #V.) [with] "Family-Centered Practice Interpretive and Consultative Advisory" as recommended by *Project Parenting Time*, Marquette MI, as a sub-topic.

Will you please help stop the legal guardians who deprive the child consumers their legal right to "Family-Centered Planning" and/or "Independent Facilitation"?

A child consumer's written court ordered custody and parenting time rights are matters of "Dignity & Respect" (MDCH) and "Emotional Neglect" (DHHS) which are currently protected under Mich's Mental Health Code, Mich's Child Protection Law and NorthCare Network's 'Recovery Based Services Policy'.

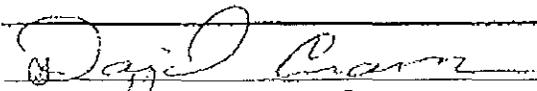
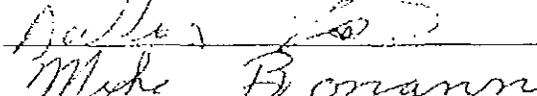
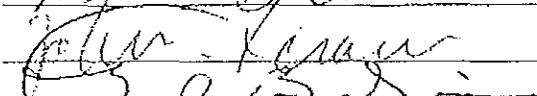
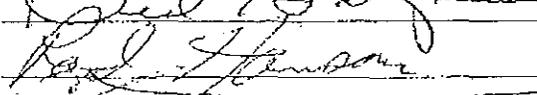
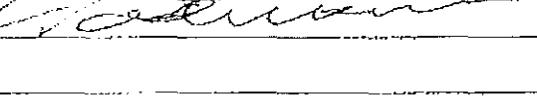
Will you please help fulfill the State of Michigan's court ordered commitments to the future of these vulnerable children and families?

(#2) "Open Meetings Act/Baseline Parliamentary Rules of Order" as recommended by *Project Parenting Time*, Marquette MI. (Oct. 27, 2009)

Will you please help provide a 'reasonable opportunity for effective participation' in the decision making process at our local Community Mental Health Agency/PIHP?

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Will you please "divide the question with a roll call vote"?

'THANK YOU' for your anticipated positive response !!!

**63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes--U.S. D.H.H.S.,
*Bureau of the Census***

**85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from
fatherless homes**

--*Center for Disease Control*

**80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes
--*Criminal Justice and Behavior, Vol. 14, p. 403-26***

**71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes
--*National Principals Association Report on the State of
High Schools***

**85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home
--*Fulton County Georgia jail populations & Texas Dept.
of Corrections, 1992/U.S. SURGEON GENERAL, 1993***

**"A child living with his/her divorced mother, compared to a child living with both
parents ...is more likely to suffer chronic asthma, frequent
headaches, and/or bedwetting, develop a stammer or
speech defect, suffer from anxiety or depression, and be
diagnosed as hyperactive."**

National Center for Health Statistics

Children from a one parent/divorced home are:

32 times more likely to run away

10 times more likely to abuse chemical substances

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January 19, 2009

Ms. Gail Hall, CEO
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Dear Ms. Hall:

You have requested a legal opinion on whether parenting time violation issues constitute reportable child abuse/neglect under Michigan law. Obviously the nature of any parenting time dispute or violation is in itself unique to the facts presented. That being said, it is my opinion that an alleged violation of a parenting time order is not, per se, reportable as child abuse or neglect.

The underlying fact situation determines the duty to report not the claim that parenting time was denied. Myriad direct enforcement mechanisms exist for a parent to complain that he or she did not receive parenting as provided in a court order or judgment. If there is an open Friend of the Court case, as is typical for most divorce judgments and custody orders, the FOC must initiate enforcement of parenting time if it receives a written complaint setting forth specific facts that constitute a parenting time order violation.

Under Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 552.602(e), a parenting time violation means that an individual's act or failure to act interferes with a parent's right to interact with his or her child in the time, place, and manner established in the parenting time order if the individual accused of interfering is subject to the order. The Friend of the Court has 14 days to send a copy of the complaint to each party to the parenting time order. MCL 552.511b(2). The Friend of the Court, upon request, must assist the parent in preparing the written complaint.

If the Friend of the Court determines that enforcement is merited, it can do one or more of the following: (1) apply a makeup parenting time policy, (2) commence civil contempt proceedings, (3) file a motion for modification of the parenting time order, (4) schedule Friend of the Court mediation with the consent of the parties (pursuant to MCL 552.513, or (5) schedule a joint meeting under MCL 552.642a.

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Modifications of parenting time orders are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Family Court Division of the Circuit Court, including, when appropriate, the Juvenile Court and/or Juvenile Judge in a protective proceeding. If a parent believes that a denial of parenting time constitutes abuse or neglect, he or she must be prepared to alleged facts to support that claim, not merely state that parenting time didn't happen therefore it must be abuse or neglect. The mere fact that a therapist in a confidential relationship learns that a parent has denied parenting time does not vest Child Protective Services with cause to investigate, especially in the absence of a parental complaint to the Friend of the Court.

Parenting time disputes and modification of parenting time orders are decided under the Michigan Child Custody Act. See MCL 722.27. If there is a post-judgment parenting time dispute in an open Friend of the Court case, after conducting an evaluation commensurate with the dispute, the Friend of the Court may file a motion for modification of the parenting time order to ensure parenting time, unless contrary to the best interests of the child. MCL 552.641(1)(c) and 552.517d(1). Thus, CPS does not even have primary jurisdiction to investigate denials of parenting time, especially when there are no factual allegations of harm to the child. A conclusory allegation that denials or parenting time equates with abuse or neglect would only be referred by CPS back to the complaining parent to invoke the Friend of the Court process.

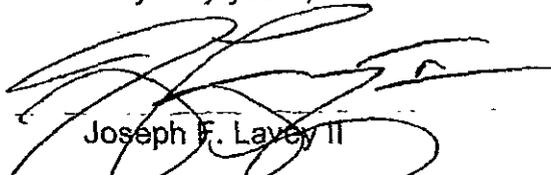
The Family Division of the Circuit Court has jurisdiction over proceedings under the Child Custody Act, which includes parenting time issues, and exclusive jurisdiction over cases involving Personal Protection Orders. The court with jurisdiction in domestic relations cases may issue ex parte and temporary orders with regard to any matter within its jurisdiction, including protective orders against domestic violence and/or contempt citations for unjustified denials of parenting time. Even in domestic abuse cases, if a parent's custody or parenting time rights will be adversely affected by a PPO, the issuing court must determine whether conditions should be specified Order to accommodate the respondent's rights or whether the situation is such that the safety of the petitioner and minor children would be compromised by such conditions.

In essence, the direct Court enforcement mechanism, whether through the Friend of the Court or the parent, is expeditious compared to filing a Protective Services Complaint, awaiting investigation, interviews, written reports, etc. The parent may file a motion to modify the existing custody or parenting time order with the court having jurisdiction of that order and may request a hearing. In such a case, the hearing **must** be held within 21 days.

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In conclusion, the proposition that a mere denial of parenting time, without more, constitutes abuse or neglect is ridiculous. To hold otherwise would ostensibly require the Friend of the Court Office to report every parenting time complaint within its jurisdiction to Child Protective Services (CPS). This proposition is ludicrous because it would divest the preexisting statutory scheme that enables the Friend of the Court to investigate and recommend the appropriate sanction to the Circuit Court.

Very truly yours,



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General Counsel

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