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Governor's Council on Medical Research and Treatment of Autism

**Location: NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities
Conference Room 199A
5 Commerce Way, Hamilton 08691**

April 6, 2009

Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm

Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome
 - A. Introductory comments by the Department of Health's Division of Family Health Services
- II. Chair's Report
 - A. Approval of February 2, 2009 Governor's Council's meeting minutes
 - i. * Requires Council members to vote to suggest necessary revisions and then approve the minutes
 - B. Status of Council subcommittees
 - i. Subcommittee updates and timetables
 - 1. Subcommittee addressing the role of the Scientific Advisory Committee and the development of a strategic plan for the Council
 - 1. Call for members of the Scientific Advisory Committee
 - 2. Subcommittee addressing the integration of the Council's goals with goals of the IACC and other federal organizations
 - 3. Subcommittee formulating Council policies and procedures for supporting other autism organizations
 - C. Autism New Jersey conference panel on autism research in New Jersey October 2009
 - D. Autism New Jersey Listening Tour update
 - E. Format for Council review of current funded projects
 - F. Communication from grantees regarding bridge funding
- III. Executive Director's Report
 - A. Financial status report
 - B. Submittal of the Council's annual report to the Governor and to the Legislature
 - C. The Governor's Council's official website ("www.nj.gov/health/autism")
 - i. The need to decommission the "njautismcouncil.org" site to avoid confusion
 - D. Request from the DHSS to have the Council fund the development of a relational database of patient-level medical and diagnostic data
 - i. Request will be for \$500,000/year for two years
 - ii. Funding will be matched by federal, Recovery and Reinvestment Act Of 2009 grant funding
 - iii. DHSS looking for the Council to write a letter of funding commitment for the project contingent upon the receipt of the federal grant dollars
 - iv. * Requires Council members to vote to approve the funding of the relational database contingent upon the receipt of federal funding

- E. DHSS Commissioner's event for National Autism Awareness month
- F. Update on the 2009 Basic Science and Clinical Research RFA
 - i. Update on recruitment of grant reviewers
 - ii. Update on recruitment of Study Section Chair
- IV. Comments by public member attendees
- V. Identify action items for April - May, 2009
- VI. Next meeting scheduled for June 1, 2009 at the Division of Developmental Disabilities;
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