



ACQ Executive Committee Meeting Notes
April 17, 2025
2:00PM to 3:30PM

Participants

- Scott Doan, *Deputy Director, Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD)*
- Tracy Perry, *Co-Chair, ACQ Executive Committee and CEO, Direct Therapy Services*
- Siri Guru Nam Khalsa, *Co-Chair, ACQ Executive Committee, Advocate and Nurse Educator*
- Lisa Blue, *Special Education Consultant*
- Daniel Ekman, *Advocate, Developmental Disabilities Council, Program Manager, Center for Self Advocacy*
- Kelley Harvey, *ACQ Administrator*

Agenda/Discussion

1. Follow-ups from ACQ Meeting on 4/10/2025
2. Jennifer Rodriguez request for feedback on Chatbot
3. Any interest in open ACQ memberships?
4. Processing of Stipends
5. Items for ACQ Distro
6. Open Floor Discussion

Meeting Notes

1. Follow-ups from ACQ Meeting on 4/10/2025

a. Can ACQ advocate with the Governor's office and Legislative Federal Committee to address issues during the special session related to the federal changes causing impacts

- i. Scott Doan and Daniel Ekman have limitations due to their positions with the State of New Mexico
- ii. Siri Guru Nam Khalsa has volunteered to draft a letter and requested on 4/10/2025 from the ACQ members to submit topics with examples to her.
 1. As of 4/17/2025, Siri has not received any topics with examples.
 2. Action item: ACQ Administrator will send out reminders to ACQ Distro to submit topics and examples to Siri.

b. Did we have someone do an outreach to Michelle Eckles?

- i. Scott reached out to Linda Clark, DDSD Metro Regional Office Assistant Director. Linda spoke with Michelle and her case manager on 4/10/2025 about staff retaliating and being rude.

2. Jennifer Rodriguez request for feedback on Chatbot

- a. Action item: ACQ Administrator will continue to track responses and submit to Jennifer on 4/30/2025.
 - i. As of 4/17/2025, only 2 individuals submitted feedback

3. Request on ACQ Membership

- a. As of 4/17/2025, there have been no new ACQ memberships requests.
 - i. Action item: Scott will reach out to the DDSB Bureau of Behavioral Support Chief, Susan Seefeldt for ideas on how to reach out to the Behavior Support Consultant network to confirm if there are interested individuals who would like to join ACQ.
 - ii. Action item: ACQ Administrator will send gentle reminders to ACQ distro to request help in spreading the word of open ACQ membership

4. Processing of Stipends

- a. As per the contract with ATA Services, ACQ Board Members are eligible to receive stipends. However, ATA has a different process in place to reimburse ACQ Board Members than the previous ACQ Administrator. Part of the new process that will be implemented is for those who request for a stipend must complete a W-9 form and ATA Services will process the invoice.
- b. Related to MVAC stipends, an email from October 2024, there was a question if MVAC members receive reimbursement for attending ACQ meetings. However, it was further clarified that the request was related to MVAC members receiving reimbursement for attending MVAC meetings. As of 4/17/2025, ACQ Executives have not heard anything additional on this matter.

5. Items for ACQ Distro

- a. Items that ACQ Administrator will send to ACQ Distro is the following:
 - i. ACQ Flyer for ACQ Membership
 - ii. Legislative Updates
- b. Additional action for ACQ Administrator is outreach to leads from other committees who hold meetings to collect a schedule for calendar year 2025 to share with ACQ Distro
 - i. Action item: Scott will send Kelley a list of the committees.

6. Open Floor Discussion

- a. No additional topics discussed

Follow-Up Points:

- ACQ Listening Session:
 - Date: May 8th, 2025, 9AM to 10AM
- ACQ Executive Meeting
 - Date: May 29th, 2025, 2PM to 3:30PM
- ACQ Meeting
 - Date: June 12th, 2025, 9AM to 1PM
- ACQ Executive Meeting
 - Date: June 20th, 2025, 2PM to 3:30PM