

Committee Conducting an Independent Analysis of Department of Defense's Comprehensive Autism Care Demonstration Program

VIRTUAL PUBLIC SESSION

April 12, 2024 (Eastern times shown)

12:00-12:05pm

Public Session and Livestream Welcome

Jennifer Penhale (*Committee Member*)

12:05-2:00pm

Military Family Perspectives on the ACD

Facilitator: Jennifer Penhale (*Committee Member*)

ACD Enrollment Process and the Potential Barriers

Kristi Cabiao, Mission Alpha Advocacy

Introductions and Opening Remarks from Military Families

Rebecca Brown

Shawn Anderson

Shelly Huhtanen

Carey Crance

Ami Brown

Jennifer Bittner

1:00-2:00pm

Conversation with the Committee

Guiding Questions

- What has your experience with ACD and ABA been like?
- If you have changed to a different TRICARE region due to a change of station, what have been the major differences in access and quality of care?
- What has your experience with the Autism Services Navigator (ASN) been like? If you were enrolled in the ACD prior to the ASN, have there been changes in your experience with the program?
- What has your experience with enrolling (and staying enrolled) in the program been like?
- What other support services do you utilize under TRICARE (outside of the ACD)?
- What supports do you and your family need to thrive? What are opportunities for ensuring child and family wellbeing in the military context?

2:00pm

PUBLIC SESSION ADJOURNS (Livestream Ends)