The meeting began with Welcome and Introductions by the individuals listed above.

Tim Markle offered the following three

**Ground Rules:**
Be positive
Honor each other’s time
Listen for Connections

Amy Whitehead provided context and background information for the federal Autism Connections grant. Julia Stavran provided information on the Regional Center role for this grant and a brief update on regional center services.

Tim Markle provided an overview of the resource mapping process and an explanation of the binders provided. The following lists were generated by the individuals present at the meeting as we began the resource mapping process for the Northern Region.

**Visioning Notes**  If we had an ideal resource and referral system for children and youth with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities within the northern region what do you expect the outcome to be for children and youth and their families.

**Key Words of Autism**
- Diagnosis
- Advocacy
- Respite
Benefits
Local Resources
Accepting your ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder)
What can help me?
Centralized and consistent
Community Service Providers
Early Identification
Teacher Education
Understand needs/programs
Identifying resources
Knowledge of (ASD) Autism Spectrum Disorders keeps growing and increasing
Accountability
Know how to refer
Right referral at the right time
Pediatricians need knowledge of (ASD) Autism Spectrum Disorders
Knowledge of Community Resources (For broad spectrum of community providers)

Gathering Notes
Key Resources in Northern Region
- CWAS – Central Wisconsin Autism Society
- Birth to Three
- Northern Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- Early Childhood Program
- Media
- Wisconsin Special Smiles
- Primary Care Physicians
- School Districts
- AUsome Social Group
- CLTS – Children’s Long Term Support Home and Community-Based Waiver Programs (to flexibly use Medicaid funds for community supports and services)
- Parent to Parent of Wisconsin
- First Step of Wisconsin (by telephone and/or on-line services)
- Internet
- Marshfield Clinic (including specialty clinics)
- Achieve Center
- North Central Health Care Center (NCHCC)
- Bridge Center
- Health Care Benefits through the Katie Beckett Program
- Department of Social Services
- Stable Hands - Therapeutic Horse Riding Program
- Written resources – Marathon and Oneida Co Public Library and Regional Center Library

Key Words for finding resources
- Single Point of Entry
- Access
- Seamless
- Evidence Based
• Early Referral(s)
• Support(s)
• Treatment
• Health Care
• Learning Limits
• Up-to-date listing
• Therapy Providers
• Support Groups

Resource Databases listing of autism resources for Northern Region in binders from Wisconsin First Step and 211 agencies serving Marathon and Portage County, and Oneida, Vilas and Forest Counties. Dale Prahl also provided a copy of the 2004 (most recent) resource directory developed by Central Wisconsin Autism Society.

Parking Lot Issues
• County Roadmap of Services
• New Law
  ➢ What is covered?
  ➢ Who is covered?
• Fact Sheets from UW-Extension
• ASA (Autism Society of America)
• ASW (Autism Society of Wisconsin)
• Provider/Specialist List –
  ➢ Interest?
  ➢ Skills of Condition
  ➢ Knowledge

Connections made at this meeting:
• Networking among those present at meeting
• Carol Wesley is attending the informational meetings on administrative rules for insurance coverage of autism services and can keep the Regional Core Team updated
• Jackie Carattini is able to develop fact sheets or informational messages to inform the public of the changes in insurance coverage for autism interventions.

Who is missing? Suggestions included:
Aspirus physician
Dr. Traci Swink – The Bridge Center – instructs families on floor time model of intervention
Additional parents and youth
CESA and other educational partners
Children’s Long Term Support workers
Katie Beckett consultants
Developmental pediatricians

Julia indicated those that were invited and were interested in coming but could not make this meeting.

Request from group to provide contact information for Amy Whitehead and Tim Markle.
Information provided on upcoming Community of Practice on Autism Spectrum Disorders and other Developmental Disabilities on August 13 in Madison. More info will be provided on location and times to the Regional Core Team as soon as info is emailed to Regional Centers.

Next Regional Core Team meeting will be scheduled for September after Community of Practice on ASD and other DD.