



Greetings,

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) convened an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Database Advisory Group to provide guidance on the ASD Database. The meeting occurred on March 25, 2017 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Each of the mandatory reporter practice boards and associations were asked to appoint someone to this group. Additionally, family advocates were also invited to participate.

The areas that were identified for input and advice included:

- Review and possible revision of the ASD report form (SFN 60804)
- Advice for provider outreach, training, and education
- Discuss the ASD Database Administrator's role

The meeting was successful, providing the NDDoH with recommendations on the areas noted above. The ASD report form (SFN 60804) has been revised and will be available starting on June 1, 2018. The form can be found online at [www.ndhealth.gov/cshs/autism.htm](http://www.ndhealth.gov/cshs/autism.htm).

I hope that the NDDoH and the mandatory reporter practice boards and associations can continue engagement efforts to better support individuals with ASD and their families in North Dakota. If you have any questions, please contact me at 701.328.4832 or [kpinks@nd.gov](mailto:kpinks@nd.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kodi A. Pinks".

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