

# Draft



## MINUTES

3/13/08

10AM TO 12PM

COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND  
HARD OF HEARING

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Monthly
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Laura Knapp
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Laura Knapp, Jen Carroll, Karen Zrenda, Barbara Sheldon, Molly Cole, Joan Law, Terry Walsh, Tesha Imperati, Ann Gionet, Mike Fuller, Sylvia Gafford-Alexandria, April Dipollina, Karen Hlavac, Deborah Pagano, Joy Liebeskind

10:00 -10:15

### LETTER OF SUPPORT

LAURA

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	A letter of support was requested by the New England Deaf Blind Project to apply for grant funding. . A description of the project was submitted. The Project assists parents with Early Intervention, IEP support, trainings and consultants.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	A vote was in favor of a letter of support		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
A letter of support from the Council will be written	Laura Knapp		

10:15 -10:30

### ANNUAL REPORT/ LEGISLATIVE BRAKFAST

<b>DISCUSSION</b>			
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<p>The Legislated Breakfast was held on March 5, 2008. The breakfast was well attended. Council members commented that there were may people from CBIA. It was felt that there were different legislators than previous years and there was more dialogue with the legislators.</p> <p>Concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Some of the statements made by parent speakers were not accurate and mixing issues. Parents may be confused or misunderstanding information.</li> <li>2. Where speakers stood was felt to be prohibiting people/legislators from coming into the atrium.</li> </ol> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CTFSC/ FSN members should wear buttons with a statement.</li> <li>2. Possibly use one of the hearing rooms to the side of the atrium.</li> <li>3. Members should have ID badges. This was done for previous years but is cost prohibitive.</li> <li>4. Provide a press release.</li> </ol>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS:</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Joy suggested FAVOR could make the ID badges	Joy Liebeskind		

10:30- 10:45

### LEGISLATION

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><u>Catastrophic Relief Fund</u>: is out of committee. The OCA and COC are looking at alternative funding.</p> <p><u>Bill 340</u>: seeks funding for the CTFSC. This bill is out of committee to Human Services.</p>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

10:45 – 11:15

**CTFSC FUNDING**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>FSN: is funded by DDS, B-3 and DPH.                  CTFSC: DD Council agreed to fund 33 thousand for a part-time person. The CTFSC has an unfunded mandate. Other Councils have an employee to run them. If the CTFSC had proper funding than we could do and support more legislation effecting children. It was proposed that the State Agencies on the CTFSC could write a letter of support or fund the Council.</p>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<p>Due to policy it would be difficult for the state agency representative to report to their commissioner a request for letter of support asking for funding.</p>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
<p>Council family members can ask the commissioners directly to support the bill.</p>			

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**UPDATES**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>FSN: Continue to work in each region.                  DPH: The MCH block grant has funds for collaboration around Autism. An AMCHP CSHCN chart book available.                   DCF: Needs a parent of a child who has a brain injury for the advisory committee.                   AJ Pappanoikou: Working on sickle cell. The STAR Team is up and running. The STAR came out of the P.J. settlement. STAR works with district to increase time spent with nondisabled peers.                  DDS:                  DSS:                  STED:                  ASCON:                  ASRC:                  COC:                  OCA:                  OHA:                  CLRC:                  DDC:</p>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

11:30-12:00

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The Council would like more diversity.                  Suggestions:                  1. Invite members from the business community/Chambers of Commerce.                  2. Look at community clubs/organizations such as the Rotary Club.                  3. Look at the current appointments and vacancies.</p>		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	<p>A workgroup to look at Council appointments</p>		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

<b>RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Laura Knapp