



CONNECTICUT FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL

January 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Office of Protection and Advocacy, Hartford

In attendance: Marie Bennett, Jennifer Carroll, Sharon Dexler, Ann Gionet, Karen Hlavac, Sara Lourie, Linda Mizzi, Lisa Sheppard, *Co-Chair*, Robyn Trowbridge, *Co-Chair*, April Dipollina, Lee Ann Luciano-Lelara, Mona Tremblay

Excused Absence: Terry Cote, Tesha Imperati

Call to Order: 10:06 a.m. by Robyn Trowbridge, *Co-Chair*

Introduction of Members: April Dipollina introduced Lee Ann Luciano-Lelara. She presented at last year's Legislative Breakfast. She will be seeking appointment to the Family Support Council as a family member. Jennifer Carroll is referring a parent as well, Renee Tooper, who will also be seeking appointment as a family member.

Open to Public: 10:30 a.m. -- No comments

Closed to Public: 10:31 a.m.

Sharon Dexler made a motion to change the order of the agenda to discuss the Legislative Breakfast first. Karen Hlavac seconded the motion.

Legislative Breakfast and Annual Report

Application was made to Nancy Serrano for the Legislative Breakfast. Date is February 14, 2013-- waiting for final confirmation.

Discussion about the format for the FSC Annual Report – RBA – results-based accountability. Not all state agencies use the format in all areas of the operations. The Family Support Council wants to show the impact of the cuts with programs that are largely state funded. Everyone is to submit their reports by 1/10/13. Lisa and Robyn will assist with the analysis of the reports. There will be discussion about the document analysis and the language. Want to depict the human impact of cut—cumulative effect across all agencies and how it directly impacts families. Terry Cote and Jennifer Carroll will assist with editing. Robyn Trowbridge volunteered to do the copying of the report. Discussed including DVD (Mona Tremblay suggested), write stories of families that receive support from agencies that are being affected by the cuts. We will keep last year's cover and update. Jennifer Carroll share two families stories (no names),

Each family will speak directly to the legislators and personally invite them to the Legislative Breakfast.

Request was made to have the Family Support Council Annual Report placed on the DDS website. Marie Bennett to follow-up.

The Family Support Council is available to families in Sandy Hook/Newtown. A letter will be sent to the Governor about this. A tribute page will be in the report.

Robyn Trowbridge spoke to the Courant about Asperger's.

Advocacy for the mental health community.

Old Business

Review of PATH – change made on document.

April Dipollina, Mona Tremblay, Lisa Sheppard and Robyn Trowbridge to get together to meet about the Legislative Breakfast.

List was sent around regarding appointments. Confirmed who appointed each member.

Jennifer Carroll shared a handout about a United Cross Disability Alliance. She forwarded the email to Marie Bennett (this was forwarded to the Committee).

Reviewed minutes from the December 13, 2012 meeting. For the minutes, Ann Gionet was present at the October 11, 2012 retreat. Minutes need to be changed to reflect this.

Standing agenda items on the agenda were tabled until February meeting.

Karen Hlavac made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara Lourie seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting:

Minutes recorded by Marie Bennett, Secretary