

**DDS North Region**  
**Advisory & Planning Council**

October 15, 2014

Meeting Minutes

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Members Present: Collette Bement, Donna Clauson, Lori Sandora, Annette Scully, Jordan Scheff, Claudia Neumann

Guests: Mary Lou O'Connor, Lorraine DeFreitas

- Regional Director's Updates –
  - Jordan Scheff began with discussion of Community of Practice (CoP) and the status of the 11 subcommittees. We have learned that Connecticut is ahead of the curve, however, it is not known exactly what direction we will be going in yet. The timeline is a 5-year time period, so the process will be a long one, progressing over the 5 years.

Council members shared some frustration that the minutes from the individual committees are not available or posted anywhere. This is still being worked on. Jordan is not aware of where they are in that process or why they are not available yet. Hopefully, there will eventually be one common place, possibly on the website, where they all can be posted.

Jordan will share the link again to the presentation that was made by the speaker at the CoP anniversary event that was held in September as some members still have not seen it. Claudia will re-send the link by email.

Jordan shared some of the ways that provider agencies have been beginning to make the transition. There was also some discussion of the new transition of rates. The transition to residential rates is to begin in January of 2015 and transition over a period of seven years.

- Waitlist Initiative –

Jordan shared that he was asked by Jonathan Slifka group, that has been meeting regarding the Waitlist, to speak to the group about what an "Emergency" is or is not on the list. Jordan brought several stories from all three Regions, which were redacted and read to the group, which were examples of individuals that have been made "E's" on the list since July. Due to the lack of money, the cases are much more scrutinized in order to become an "E" than they have been in the past. There are, however, more "E's" in our Region now than there have been in the last two years. Of the first group of 15 individuals, 11 have received allocations. There will also most likely be more than 100 people served because a number of families have declined placement and have requested in-home supports at this time.
- Discussion Regarding Officers – since not everyone on the Council was in attendance, Jordan asked that it continue to be considered by members and it will be discussed again at the next meeting.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

***Claudia Neumann***

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