

DDS South Region
Regional Advisory and Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2017

Members Present: Leslie Bridges-Parent, David Cassano, Dawn DeMatteo, Heidi Earle, Britney Gudeahn, Lauralynn Lewis, Kathleen Stauffer, and Thomas Dailey, DDS South Regional Director

Guests Present: Denise Tift

Scribe: Jolie Crescimano-Goss, DDS South Executive Secretary

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Citizen Comment: None.

Approval of minutes: The draft minutes of the Council's March 2017 meeting were reviewed. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the council voted to approve the minutes of the March 2017 meeting.*

Chairperson's Report:

- **Creative Housing Workgroup Update** (Vice Chair Lewis reported) – The workgroup held another roommate match event at Camp Harkness. A few new people attended. No matches were made.
- **Field Activity Report** (Vice Chair Lewis reported) – Vice Chair Lewis reported that the regular legislative session ended without a budget. She provided an update on the bills that passed during the session relevant to DDS.

Discussion ensued on how best to go about identifying and rallying support around the most important issues facing DDS, given the number and variety of bills raised each year.

DDS Administrative Updates: Regional Director Dailey reported that the department is working to identify strategies for moving forward in the absence of a state budget. He then updated the Council on a number of DDS topics and initiatives.

New Business: None presented.

Open Council Discussion: The council discussed the new survey for services that is being done at the time of the IP, the RAC flyer that is being distributed at the time of the IP, and what the privatization of case management might look like if it ever were to happen.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2017, 6:00 PM, Acton Library in Old Saybrook.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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