

**DDS South Region
Regional Advisory and Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2017**

Members Present: Chair Jeff Depina, Leslie Bridges-Parent, David Cassano, Heidi Earle, Lauralyn Lewis, Kathleen Stauffer, and Thomas Dailey, DDS South Regional Director

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 June 2017 meeting were reviewed.
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the council voted to approve the minutes of the June 2017 meeting.

Chairperson's Report:

- **Creative Housing Workgroup Update** (Vice Chair Lewis reported) – Director of DDS Waiver Services Siobhan Morgan presented at the Workgroup's last meeting.
- **Field Activity Report** (Vice Chair Lewis reported) – A final state budget for the new fiscal year has yet to be passed by the legislature. The longer this goes on, the greater the impact on the disability community.

DDS Administrative Updates:

Regional Director Dailey updated the Council on recent happenings and initiatives including but not limited to DDS' resource allocation plan under the current budgetary situation, organizational changes, the conversion project, and training initiatives.

New Business:

- **Membership Terms:** Members Dave Cassano and Kathleen Stauffer committed to serve a second, three-year term.
- **New Officer Nominations:** The term of office for the Council current officers is set to expire. The RD's office will seek nominations for new officers via email in time for the next meeting.
- **New Officer Elections:** Formal elections will be held at the Council's next meeting.

Open Council Discussion:

Further discussion ensued on the impact on DDS if a formal budget is not passed by October 1.

Next Meeting:

November 15, 2017, 6:00 PM, Acton Library in Old Saybrook.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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