**Department of Aging and Disability Services**

**Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind**

**DeafBlind Advisory Committee Meeting**

**June 11th, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Draft: Meeting Motions and Votes**

**Review of Meeting Protocol**  
**Chris Lassen reviewed the protocol for participating in the DeafBlind Advisory Committee Meeting.**

**Voting Members Present**

**Hana Tyler, Chair, Consumer Representative; Wayne Seidel, Department of Developmental Services (DDS); Jesse Stanley, American School for the Deaf (ASD); Lisa Flaherty-Vaughn, DeafBlind Support and Access Network (DBSAN); Barbara Cloonan, Parent; Karen Olson, New England Consortium on DeafBlindness (NEC); Cheri Byrnes, DeafBlind Association of Connecticut; Sandra Miles, Department of Developmental Services – Southbury Training School (DDS-STS)** **Kathy Morgan** **Guardian; Christine Telford, Helen Keller National Center; Stephen Thal – BESB Board; Dwayne Strawder, Oak Hill School**

**Voting Members Absent**

**Bruce Stovall, Oak Hill School;**

**Non-Voting Members Present   
Carol Jenkins, ADS-BESB Director; Christopher Lassen, ADS-BESB Adult Services; Marjorie Santos, ADS-BESB Adult Services; Krystal Kelly, ADS-BESB Vocational Rehabilitation; Alvin Chege, ADS-BRS, Mary Johns, ADS-BESB Children’s Services;**

**Non-Voting Members Absent**

**Muriel Aparo, ADS-BRS, CT Tech Act;**

**Heidi Henaire, ADS-BRS**

**Others Present  
Ed Peltier, Communication Advocacy Network (CAN); Rayah Martin, ADS-BESB; Lisa Drew, ADS-BESB; Alan Gunzburg; Sue Shatney,** **ADS-BRS; Abigail McNeal, Oak Hill School**

**Old Business**

**Approval of minutes from March 12, 2024**

**Motion: Jesse Stanley moved to approve the minutes with the necessary revision of correcting the spelling of DeafBlind and the minor corrections from Margie Santos stating "for those unfamiliar with Usher syndrome. There are three types, and it's always associated with a genetic disorder. and it's always associated with retinitis pigmentosa. There's no other eye disease that is Usher syndrome. Hearing loss varies. A person might be born deaf or hard of hearing or have hearing and vision but then lose both. Also, this is a reminder that this advisory committee meeting is being held for everybody in the State. She stated that it's important to restate that we are is dedicated to serving everyone in the State, regardless of their vision and hearing loss and the communication modality they use. They goal is to ensure that everyone, without exception, is served equally". and it was seconded by Lisa Flaherty-Vaughn.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion: Jesse Stanley's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Lisa Flaherty-Vaughn.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: September 10, 2024, - 10 AM to 12 PM via Zoom**