

State Advisory Council Minutes

Monday, August 3, 2015

Members in attendance: Elisabeth Cannata, Claudia Carbonari, M.D., Jacquelyn Farrell, Deb Kelleher, Sarah Lockery, Regina Moller, Lorna Grivois, Alice Farrell, Susan Sherrick

Also in Attendance: Susan Smith, Patricia Lorenson, Myke Halpin, Alana Jones, Manuel (Manny) Sandoval,

Members Absent: Donna Grant, Erica Kesselman, M.D., Susan Sherrick

Welcome & Introductions

Regina Moller & Elisabeth Cannata

Meeting was called to order at 9:30a.m.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

RAC & Community Update

The objective is to have an official report from each Regional Advisory Council whenever SAC meets.

Regina Moller presented the *draft RAC/SAC Communication Form* (Attachment 1). The thought for discussing the retreat is to work together as a group

Region 1 RAC- Susan Sherrick will commence using the RAC/SAC Communication Form at the next meeting.

At the last RAC meeting, they reviewed the dashboard and membership.

Looking at the composition of the RAC that it heavy with providers. They are also reviewing meeting times and locations.

Region 2 RAC- Sarah Lockery submitted a brief report.

Region 3 RAC-Lorna Grivois, co-chair, reported that the RAC-FAB met in June.

Region 4 RAC- Alice Farrell, co-Chair, presented the *Region 4 Advisory Council Updates* relating to their structure and activities in the course of the past year. This report will serve as CRP Funds report to SAC. An electronic copy will be forwarded to the full SAC membership and is included with these minutes. (Attachment 2)

Region 5 RAC- Deb Kelleher – At the July RAC meeting the topic of fatherhood engagements was discussed. The rest of the meeting entailed discussions about a Fatherhood component being added to the life skills program.

Region 6 RAC - Funding initiatives to provide the recommendations that RAC has made to the SAC about working on fatherhood initiatives- A youth presented a video that he had recorded a number of years ago giving an inside view of a youth's foster care perception. Given the technology used at the time and the limitations in the quality of the recording and reproduction, the youth is working to make it available for public viewing. This video is being considered for viewing at the SAC retreat in September.

DCF Updates

Susan Smith

-The Statewide Provider meeting will be held on August 14 at 1pm at Central Connecticut State University. *Distributed the Statewide Provider Meeting, Breakout Session Notes, April 8, 2015* (Attachment 3)

-The Performance Expectations reported at the January meeting and reports cards have been updated.

-As a follow up to the Child Fatality Memo and report submitted at the April 6 meeting- we have begun our work with Eckerd's Rapid Safety Feedback.

DCF will be working with Eckerd Foundation for two years in the implementation of the Rapid Safety Feedback approach and the ability to obtain real time data feedback. Eckerd's approach is being used with our quality assurance program in the prevention of child injuries and fatalities. Their research and analysis identified nine child welfare practice skills that were critical to ensuring that children in the target cases remained safe. Among these were quality safety planning, quality supervisory reviews and the quality and frequency of home visits.

Minutes

The June 1, 2015 minutes were reviewed. The correction was noted that Commissioner Katz was not in attendance at the meeting. Dr. Carbonari moved to accept the minutes with the correction, Deb Kelleher seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

SAC membership

The co-chairs extended a welcome to the new SAC members. Stephanie Lizotte, a Governor two-year appointment in the category of Parent/family member, Sarah Lockery, Region 2 RAC two-year appointment, Alana Parkinson, Region 4 RAC two-year appointment, and Susan Sherrick, Region 1 RAC two-year re-appointment. Clarification of Donna Grant's membership on SAC is requested. Maria will follow up.

CRP Funds

All updates for the 2014 CRP funds have been received. Any unexpended funds from last year can be spent forward. CRP follows the federal fiscal year October 1 through September 30.

SAC Retreat Planning

Discussions were carried out regarding topics to be included at the SAC retreat, development of the agenda and the invitees to the retreat.

The morning session will include the introductions and outcome expectations for the day; a brief DCF update; CRP update and a review of the SAC by-laws and RAC/SAC communication process and panel presentations.

The afternoon session will include a regional break out groups, RAC panel presentations on communication process, and a regional response planning.

The co-chairs requested volunteers for a planning committee for the retreat. They will meet via a phone conference. Please email Maria as soon as possible to volunteer.

Meeting ended at 11:30am.