

Region 4 Advisory Council Full Members Meeting

** ANNUAL MEETING **

May 17, 2016
Hartford DCF Office
250 Hamilton Street
Hartford, CT

Members Present:: Deb Bastie, Sarah Becker, Alice Farrell, Bryan Flint, Hector Glynn, Brenetta Henry, Giselle Jacobs, Wayne Johnson (DCF), Beth Landolina (DCF), Lorna Little, Donna Maitland-Ward (DCF), Evelyn Melendez Judi Orlando, Lisa Palazzo, Malika Robledo, Josie Robles, Kathy Schiessl, Martha Stone, Joanne Tremblay-Jackson, Milagros Vega, Jeanette White (DCF), Tammy Harris-Wilson (DCF), Denetra McBride

Voting Members Absent: Jeremiah Ames, Sophia Brown, Tim Carroll, Carlene Davis, Cory Jacobs, Diane Kearney, Nick Lebron, Alana Parkinson, Linda Trigilio, Beresford Wilson

The DCF Region 4 RAC meeting was held at the Hartford DCF office from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. This meeting is for the full membership & DCF Staff.

Overview of Meeting

The overview of the Annual meeting was to receive a SAC Update, RAC Educational sub-committee update and to hold voting.

Minutes review

- Motion to accept the March 2016 minutes made by Josie Robles, was 2nd by Deb Bastie-all in favor

Voting

- Voting handout given
- 21 voting members & 3 alternates
- We have 9 Voting member spots to fill
- 6 nominees on the ballot are Deb Batsie, Tim Carroll, Hector Glynn, Nick Lebron, Manny Maldonado and Judi Orlando
- 3 spaces on the ballot for write in nominees
- 3 year terms we need to select 7 people and 2 people for 1 year terms
- Write-in nominees were Evelyn Melendez, Milagros Vega, Lisa Palazzo and Joanne Tremblay-Jackson

- DCF members cannot vote
- We need at least 11 parents no more than 21
- New members need to be oriented to the RAC meetings

RAC Updates

- The RAC Executive Leadership expressed their appreciation to all members for their commitment to our RAC
- RAC is open to getting information and initiative ideas to the RAC members.
- Membership and Professional Development committees have met regularly and brought their ideas to the RAC members
- The membership committee is looking for new members to join
- Ask CQI teams and sub-committees to bring Alice a brief write-up on the work being done for the July meeting.-this will be added to the RAC summary to present out in September
- **Professional Development-** sub-committee needs members too
 - Supervision feedback tool-received over 100 back-it's time to bring the results to RAC,
 - Internship program brought to the staff, Hartford bulletin board with info on Professional Development meeting and trainings, working on getting a trainer on Substance abuse in June or September,
- Evelyn, Manny and Brenetta joined the Prof. Development committee
- Chris introduced Joanne Tremblay-Jackson, congratulated her on her new role as Director of Support Services for the Hartford school system and welcomed her to RAC
- She is accessing each school and their needs
- Every school will have a SW
- Deb Bastes was able to get more gift cards for the RAC
- Breaking the Cycle-women who were incarcerated meet @ 248 Farmington Ave., the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 & Women's Wrap –women in the community that need support from 2-4:00.
- Village is expanding their Early Childhood Program- working with CCMC 0-5 population Hector will email the RAC with an update
- Hector is also testifying with Congress this week
- Grant from HUD –Youth Build grants are awarded competitively to give young people ages 16-24 who never finished high school a second chance to receive their diplomas. These grants help train for Hartford for youth 16-20 yrs. for re-entry
- Grant from CCSD for police youth training the 2nd week in June

- 4 bills passed: JJ PCO bill, bill requiring Careline phone number posted in schools , Youth voice bill, and medical transportation bill

SAC Update-tabled

Wheeler Clinic EMPS program

- EMPS=Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services
- Call 211 then press 1 and press 1 again then your call is with EMPS
- Give the information and they come right out
- 34 Minutes it the average response time
- Change in hours 6AM -10PM M-F and 1PM -10PM on weekends
- This is funded by DCF and has bilingual staff
- Sarah will connect with Beacon Health to get the workd out to parents and schools to utilize this service
- Variations by schools to use MOU
- Hartford & West Hartford have signed MOU
- Have CHR do a small presentation

Beacon Health Options-Lisa Palazzo

- CME=Care Management Entity
- State was awarded a grant 3 years ago, to work with Favor, families and providers
- Connect has some data they would like to present
- What data would be most helpful?
- Connect to present data at RAC or Network of Care meeting?-RAC would be a good forum
- July would be the next full membership
- Could do it at June voting meeting
- We could make June 21st a full membership meeting if they are available-Wait to hear
- Data evaluation 101 is for the families to teach families how to understand the data
- Lisa will talk to the team about this training
- Confirm for presentation in June0-would then be a full membership meeting
- July would become a voting membership meeting
- Beacon Health is having their 2nd annual Consumer & Family Advisory Subcommittee &CTBHP) is the ICAN conference on 9/22 at the Artists Collective in Hartford from 8:30-3.

The Region 4 RAC full membership meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Submitted by,
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