

Regional 4 Advisory Council Directory

Region 4 RAC Voting
Members
2016-2017

Deb Batsie-Hernandez



- Deb Batsie-Hernandez is a resident of Manchester and a director at Wheeler Clinic overseeing in-home services for children/adolescents and their families. Ms. Batsie-Hernandez is also the Co-Chairperson of the Region 4 RAC Membership Committee.
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Sarah Becker



- Sarah is a director at Wheeler Clinic overseeing multiple programs that services children, adolescents and adults including EMPS. Sarah has been a longtime member of the RAC involved in community change.
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Tim Carroll



- Tim Carroll is currently the Director of the Polaris Center, Health Services for the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) in East Hartford. He has a background in both human services and education with over 30 years of experience.
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Alice Farrell



- Alice is the founder of the Olive Branch Clinical Consulting Services, LLC. She has worked in the Hartford Region for over 22 years as a clinician, administrator, advocate, community leader, and faith leader. Alice is a Region 4 RAC co-chair.
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Bryan Flint



- Bryan Flint, Sr, has been an active member of the RAC for the past year. He is a resident of Ellington, CT, and is employed by the Cornerstone Foundation in Vernon. Mr. Flint believes that DCF has the most important role in supporting families. Mr. Flint is also a member of the Rockville Community Alliance and Vernon Community Network.
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Hector Glynn



- Hector Glynn is the Vice President of director of Outpatient Services at the Village for Children and Families. He sits on boards for multiple groups in the region including CT Voices for Children and Systems of Care.
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Gisselle Jacobs



- Gisselle Jacobs is a resident of Hartford and is employed by the Sister Soldier organization. As a parent, grandparent and community leader, she very interested in being involved with the RAC in an effort to implement change when children and families are involved with the DCF system.
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Joanne Tremblay Jackson



- Joanne Tremblay Jackson is currently the Director of Support Services for Hartford Public Schools. She has worked for the Hartford Board of Education for over 15 years in various schools as a School Social Worker. Joanne is a parent and has been a foster mother. She has had many role and years providing mental health services and creating programs to serve the community through various grant funding in Central Connecticut.
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- She is the alternate Voting Member for the RAC for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Diane Kearney



- Dr. Diane Kearney is the Director of Adult and Continuing Education for the Manchester Board of Education. She is a school administrator and has been in education for over 30 years. She is a foster parent and believes that she may have a different perspective that may help guide the goals and objectives of DCF. She believes that multifaceted ideas will ensure inclusive outcomes for those both within and outside of DCF.
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Nick Lebron



- Nick is a Hartford Community Outreach Associate at Achievement First. Nick is a community advocate who is also a tri-chair for the Hartford Systems of Care. Nick is a strong supporter of families in the community. He is also a co-chair of Region 4 RAC.
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Lorna Little



- Lorna Little, LCSW is the Executive Director of St. Agnes Home for pregnant teenagers, young mothers and their infants in West Hartford, CT. She is a community activist, cultural diversity trainer and a published author. Ms. Little is a long time member the RAC and is both a parent and former foster parent.
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Manuel Maldonado



- Manuel Maldonado is a Family Systems Manager for FAVOR, Inc. Manny is stationed in the Hartford DCF office and is responsible for community outreach in an effort to empower families in the region 4 catchment area.
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Evelyn Melendez



- Evelyn Melendez is very involved in community affairs in greater Hartford. She is a member of the RAC Membership Committee. Her voting membership ends June 30, 2019.

Judi Orlando



- Judi Orlando is currently the Director of Child and Family Services at Klingberg Family Centers. She has been employed by Klingberg for over 25 years.
- Judi is responsible for Supervised Visitation Services, Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT & MDT-14), and the Youth Mentoring Programs.
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Lisa Palazzo



- Lisa Palazzo, LCSW, is a Network of Care Manager at Beacon Health Options, whose mission is to help people live their lives to the fullest potential. The vision of improving the health and well-being of individuals coping with mental health and substance use conditions is made a reality through recovery-focused programs and effective partnerships. Ms. Palazzo's role is to help implement CONNECT goals by promoting Network of Care philosophy and ensuring community-based service network improvement and development in Region 4. She is a voting member of the RAC and on the education subcommittee. Ms. Palazzo is a provider and her voting membership ends June 30, 2017.
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Alana Parkinson



- Alana has been a foster parent for over twenty years as well as an adoptive parent of five children. She is a strong advocate for children in the community. Alana sits on multiple boards in the region. She is also the parent representative for the SAC representing Region 4.
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Josie Robles



- Josie Robles is the Chief Executive Office at Hartford Behavioral Health (HBH). HBH is a provider of outpatient behavioral health services adults and children who have mental health and chemical dependency issues. She has been involved RAC and served as a Voting Member.
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Kathy Schiessl



- Kathy Schiessl, LCSW, is Senior Vice President at Community Health Resources (CHR) where she oversees all of CHR's child and family programs. Community Health Resources' (CHR) mission is to help adults, children and families find Real Hope for the challenges of Real Life through an array of community based mental health, substance use, child welfare, supported housing, foster care, prevention and wellness services and integrated care. Ms. Schiessl is an active voting member of the RAC and has chaired a subcommittee. Ms. Schiessl is committed to work with youth and families. She has provided mental health services and program oversight in Region 4 since 1988.
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Martha Stone



- Attorney, Martha Stone JD is founder and Executive Director of the Center for Children’s Advocacy. Attorney Stone is responsible for bringing class action lawsuits resulting in the DCF Consent Decree and she serves as co-counsel for the plaintiffs in Sheff v. O’Neill, the Hartford school desegregation case. She is an Adjunct Professor at the UConn School of Law and an active member of RAC.
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Linda Trigilio



- Linda Trigilio is a resident of Manchester, CT. Ms. Trigillio described herself as a very concerned citizen with concerns for the wellbeing of children. Ms. Trigilio wants to help make changes at DCF to help families in need, and give them hope, encouragement and support.
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Milagros Vega

- No Photograph Available at this time.
- Milagros Vega joined the RAC in 2016. Her interests is in permanency strategies and in strengthening families. She is involved with Mi Casa Family services and FAVOR. He voting membership ends June 30, 2018.

Beresford Wilson



- Beresford Wilson is the Assistant Director at FAVOR, Inc. FAVOR provides family-focused, advocacy-based, and culturally sensitive community services that improve outcomes and family wellbeing. Mr. Wilson is a long time member of RAC and has been a strong advocate for children and families through his associate with FAVOR and Systems of Care.
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DCF Region 4 Management

Christine Lau



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Donna Maitland-Ward



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Malika Robledo



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Maritza Velez



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Jeanette White



- Jeanette White is the Office Director for the Manchester DCF Office. She is responsible for all Child Protective Services operations in the Manchester Office including but not limited to Intake, On-going Services and Adolescent services. The Manchester Office serves 19 towns in central Connecticut.
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DCF Support Staff

Terry Hall



- Terry Hall is the Administrative Assistance to the Regional 4 Director, Christine Lau. Among her many duties she records the minutes and attendance for the monthly RAC meeting.
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Wayne Johnson



- Wayne Johnson is a Children Services Consultant for DCF Region 4. He is the gatekeeper for the regions Triple P, Intensive Family Preservation, Reunification, Community Based Life Skills, and Work to Learn programs. He Co-Chair of the Membership Committee for the RAC.
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Beth Landolina



- Beth Landolina is a supervisor in the Quality Improvement Department for DCF Region 4. She is responsible for coordinating training in the Hartford and Manchester Offices, is the chair of the Professional Development Committee and supervises the QI social workers in the region.
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