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Minutes

January 11, 2007

Members In Attendance:

Karen Hlavac – Vice Chair, Lou Richards, Robert Wood, Ed Walen, Chavis Chappell, Kevin Morey

DMR Staff:

Mike Woodson
Ed Mambruno – Ombudsperson

Vice-Chairperson Hlavac:

The meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Hlavac.

Ms. Hlavac welcomed and introduced a new member of the Council, Mr. Kevin Morey. Mr. Morey was appointed by Senator DeLuca. Everyone from the Council and DMR Staff introduced themselves.

Minutes:

Not enough to vote.

Guest: MJ McCarthy

Ms. Hlavac introduced MJ McCarthy. Ms. McCarthy discussed the abuse and neglect registry protocol. Ms. McCarthy discussed protocol and investigations. She shared that now an attorney reviews all allegations of abuse and neglect to see how it needs to be handled.

Ombudsperson Report – Ed Mambruno:

Mr. Mambruno is serving on the search committee for the dental coordinator. The search has begun. There may be a change in job description for this position.

Mr. Mambruno met with Vince O’Connell and other members that are on the vehicle advisory committee. Committee considering color coding chairs to know exact safety position.

Mr. Mambruno received a call from a mother who is having respite issues with DMR. This mother feels there is discrimination against individuals that are 21 years of age or older. She has a son who is 21 years old and she feels she can’t get respite for him. Mr. Mambruno looked into this to find out that respite couldn’t fill her request for good reasons that she doesn’t realize. The last time they were able to give her respite was due to them asking four families if they would be willing to give up respite to accommodate her and one family did but she doesn’t realize what respite goes through to accommodate everyone. This last time that she requested

respite, they were honoring it but at a different location and because it was an hour away, she felt it was too far and didn't want it.

Legislative Report - Peter O'Meara:

Ms. Pollio enclosed a packet of information. She also provided an update on the name change.

As always, should you have any questions you can email or call her at (860) 418-6066 or via email: Christine.pollio@po.state.ct.us

Commissioner's Updates:

Case Managers have raised some concerns in the past month. There will be an article in the paper. DMR is putting a fact sheet together to address concerns. DMR will be meeting with the Union in the next couple of weeks to hopefully resolve issues.

There will be a budget presentation in February and part of that presentation includes ideas regarding expansion provisions for Birth to Three, case managers and funding for private providers.

Old Business:

The former nominating committee for officers was reconstituted. Ted Walen will serve as the chair of the committee with Patti Silva and Karen Hlavac as the other members. The committee will report on a proposed slate of officers at the next Councils meeting. The Council reviewed and discussed the guidelines and will take up the issue again at our next Council meeting.

New Business:

There has been a total of 260 laptop computers for case managers being procured with 240 of the laptops being allocated to the regions. Some will be distributed in February and the rest in March.

There will be a hearing on DMR five year plan on January 31, 2007 in Central Office at 5:00 p.m. The plan will be available on the DMR website.

Captain Woodson mentioned that there will be additional investigator training classes in the near future.

****The next meeting will be held on February 8th.****

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned: 7:50 p.m.