

***DDS North Region
Regional Advisory Council***

October 21, 2020
Meeting Minutes – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

NR Members Present: Richard Rothstein, Chair; Ellyn Little; Kim Little; Lori Sandora; Annette Scully; Elisa Velardo, DDS North Regional Director

Guests: Amy Blazawski (DDS); Patricia Cymbala (DDS); Tyrone Napper (DDS); Sean Charvis (DDS); Karen Sticklin (DDS)

In place of the regular monthly RAC meeting, this meeting was scheduled for a virtual tour of the Newington Respite Center, which has been set up as a Smart Home, to demonstrate the Assistive Technology that has been installed and is in use at all the Respite Center locations statewide. All of three regional RAC members and the Council on Development Services were invited to join for the tour.

The tour was presented by Amy Blazawski, Director of Self Determination and Assistive Technology, and Patricia Cymbala, Transition Advisor-AT. The tour began at 5:30pm.

Also on the call to answer questions regarding respite, was Tyrone Napper who is the manager that oversees the Respite program, Sean Charvis, Program Supervisor for Respite, and Karen Sticklin, ARD Individual & Family Support.

The tour concluded at 6:40pm and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 5:00pm by virtual teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Neumann
Executive Secretary