

**DDS-South Region
Regional Advisory and Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2010**

Members Present: Chair Claire White, April Dipollina, John (Jack) Frost, Steve Fusti, Nancy Kalal, Danielle Shepard, and Mary McKay, RD DDS South/Ex-Officio Member.

Members Absent: Marianne Burke, Carol Cooney, Michael Del Sole, Jill Hall, and Kim Wollschleager.

Guests: Diane Martin, Gail Canne, Mike Brookman, Jean Brookman, Alison Sylvia.

I. Chairperson's Report

Call to Order - Chair White called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Introductions followed.

Citizen Comment – Ms. Sylvia raised concerns about:

- The role/impact of the Council on cuts – Are individuals who have lost case managers falling through the cracks?
- Marketing the Helpline – How do people know about it?
- Waitlist
- Private Sector Operations (i.e. quality concerns)

Review of Minutes – A review of the November 18, 2009, meeting minutes ensued. In the presence of a quorum, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted to approve the minutes with the corrections noted at the meeting.

Statewide Council on Developmental Services Update – Mr. Frost gave an update on the activities of the Statewide Council.

II. Regional Director's Updates

Administrative Changes in the South Region –Thomas Dailey was appointed to the position of Private Services ARD following the retirement of Christine Rich. Marie Bennett, former IFS ARD in the West Region, has joined the SR in this capacity.

Helpline Update – Ms. McKay provided a status update on the activities of the SR Helpline. During its first six months of operation, the Helpline has worked on

276 individual consumer issues. Most frequent inquiries relate to requests for 1x grants, T19/SSI, and Respite respectively.

Budget Report - Ms. McKay discussed the following:

- Rescissions to FY10 Budget
- Reduction Options for FY11 Budget
- Attendance Based Reimbursement System

III. New Business

Planning Spring Family Forums - Seeking ideas for themes and volunteers to serve on a planning committee.

Family Support Council – Ms. Dipollina announced that the Family Support Council is hosting its annual Legislative Meet and Greet on March 3 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. All are welcome to attend.

IV. Adjournment

With no further business before the Council, Chair White adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

V. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the DDS-South Region Advisory and Planning Council will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 6:00 pm, at the Henry Carter Hull Library in Clinton.

Minutes Submitted By:

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