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**CT Council on Developmental Disabilities
Advocacy, Public Information and Education Committee Minutes
Beth El Temple
2626 Albany Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117
May 14, 2013
1:45-2:32**

Present: John Curtin, Alicia Kucharczyk (Chair), Brenda Stenglein (Vice-Chair), Jim Rosen, Zuleika Martinez,

Staff: Cathy Adamczyk

Welcome and Call to Order: Alicia Kucharczyk, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

Approval of Agenda: John Curtin moved to accept the agenda, and Zuleika Martinez seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved, with Brenda Stenglein abstaining.

Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2013: Rabbi Jim Rosen moved to accept the minutes of March 12, 2013. The vote was unanimously approved, with Ms. Brenda Stenglein abstaining.

Discussion of Progress of Focus Groups: Cathy Adamczyk provided a summary of the focus groups that have taken place so far. The common themes and topics included issues having to do with inclusion; recreation/childcare; behavioral concerns; care coordination and dissemination of information; employment and post/secondary education; housing; safety and health. The next focus group was scheduled by Ms. Stenglein for the Success SEPTO on May 15, 2013 at the Willington Public Library. Mr. Lasky has another focus group scheduled for May 23, 2013 at Pediatric Rehabilitation in Shelton. Alicia will reach out to the rest of the Council for help in setting up focus groups. Setting up focus groups will be an ongoing agenda item.

Discussion of Additional Topics: The APIE Committee identified the need for increased exposure of the Council. Some of the suggestions were to link our website to other disability groups; identify and attend disability resource fairs; update our DD Council brochure and disseminate it widely (libraries, physician's offices, town halls, human resources agencies (along with a personalized letter), and electronically on list-serv).

A motion was made by Brenda Stenglein to print and disseminate A Parent's Guide to the Use of Seclusion and Restraints in the Public Schools. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Curtin. All were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Steps:

1. All Council members will be asked by Chair Alicia Kucharczyk to identify and schedule dates and times for forums. Since it was determined that this is going to be an ongoing process, any dates that can be scheduled will be welcome.
2. Anyone that is able to schedule a forum is asked to send the information to Ms. Alicia Kucharczyk and Mrs. Cathy Adamczyk as soon as possible so APIE Committee members and staff can coordinate their schedules to attend.
3. Ms. Brenda Stenglein and Mrs. Adamczyk will attend the Success SEPTO forum on May 15, 2013 at the Willington Public Library.
4. Mr. Raymond Lasky and Mrs. Cathy Adamczyk will attend the May 23, 2013 forum at Pediatric Rehabilitation in Shelton.
5. The APIE Committee will vote on updating the brochure at their next committee meeting.
6. The APIE Committee will assign tasks to raise public awareness about the DD Council as discussed earlier in this meeting.

Adjourn: John Curtin moved to adjourn and Zuleika Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Adamczyk