

**Minutes**  
**CT Council on Developmental Disabilities**  
**May 14, 2013**

The 182nd meeting of the CT Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Beth El Temple, West Hartford.

**Presiding:** Bill Knight, Chair; Kathy Wolkner, Vice Chair

**Recorder of Minutes:** Molly Cole, Director

**Members Present:** Emily Bickhardt, Chris Blake, Thomas Boudreau, John Curtin, Jacqueline Jamison, Michelle Johnson, Roslyn Hooks, Mark Keenan, Bill Knight, Alicia Kucharczyk, Raymond Lasky, Zuleika Martinez, Sabra Mayo, Shelagh McClure, Meg McDermott, Sarah Rafala, Jim Rosen, Bob Shea, Brenda Stenglein, Ada Suarez, Chris Sullivan, Jennifer Throwe, Kathy Wolkner

**Members Absent:** Michelle Duprey

**Staff:** Molly Cole, Mary Ann Langton, Cathy Adamczyk,

1. **Call to Order.** The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.
2. **\*Approval of Agenda:** Michelle Johnson moved that the agenda be approved with no changes. Zuleika Martinez seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously approved.
3. **\*Approval of Minutes:** John Curtin moved to accept the minutes of 3/12/13 and Ray Lasky seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved without amendment.
4. **Mission Moment:** Shelagh McClure discussed her personal experiences her son and how that reflected the mission of the Council to promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities in their communities.
5. **\*DDS Ex-Officio Council Member:** Molly Cole discussed the importance of having representation on the Council from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) as our Designated State Agency. Since this representation was not included in the Executive Order as a specific membership category, Shelagh McClure moved that the Council add Robin Wood from DDS as an Ex-Officio Council member. Sabra Mayo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
6. **\*Council Retreat, October 2013:** Molly Cole discussed the necessity of planning the Council retreat in October. Although funds for an October meeting will not be authorized by the Council until the Annual meeting in September, she requested that the Council officially request that she begin planning the event, so that appropriate

space can be located for this event. John Curtin moved that the Council hold an annual retreat in October, 2013. Zuleika Martinez seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The Council then discussed forming a Planning Committee for the Retreat. Ray Lasky moved that the Council form a Retreat Planning Committee and Emily Bickhardt seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Bill Knight, John Curtin, Zuleika Martinez Sabra Mayo and Sarah Rafala will form the Retreat Planning Committee. Molly Cole reminded the Council that this constitutes an official committee of the Council, and that as such minutes and agendas need to be posted according to FOIA requirements.

7. **Report on the Disability Policy Seminar:** Kathy Wolkner discussed the Disability Policy Seminar which she attended in Washington D.C. as a Council representative. She provided information about policy discussions, and an overview of the meeting. The Council discussed the fact that there are many disabled veterans whose disability occurred prior to age 22 years. This means they will fit the definition of Developmental Disability. Issues affecting young disabled veterans have not traditionally been addressed by Councils in the past. This is a completely new linkage and collaborative process that the Council needs to explore.
8. **Executive Director Report and Budget Report.** Mrs. Cole presented the Executive Director's report on Council activities for March and April. Mrs. Cole then provided an overview of the budget.
9. **\*Funding priorities discussion.** Mrs. Cole provided an overview of current funded initiatives, the budget for projects in the coming year, and the five year plan. She identified each current initiative and its linkage to five year plan goals/outcomes. She then provided an overview of the input received regarding Council initiatives and the five year plan. This included consideration of presentations from the January meeting, written comments and suggested priority areas submitted to the Council, and input from the public forums conducted by the Council. Following discussion, Meg McDermott moved that the Council select the following priority areas for funding in 2014:
  - Health: Emergency Preparedness continuation
  - Employment
  - Housing: Building on findings from UCEDD project
  - Bullying and children with disabilities in the schools
  - A fund to support conference attendance for self-advocates and family members. This will require an approved protocol.
  - Partners in Policymaking 2014

Ray Lasky seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Proposal Review committee will develop RFP's for Housing, Employment, Bullying, and a protocol for expending funds to support individuals attending conferences. The Council will approved budget allocations for these initiatives in July.

- 10. Adjourn to Committee meetings.** Council members convened with their committees for meetings from 1:30 to 2:30. The Committees adjourned at 2:30 and reported out to the Council. Agendas and meetings minutes of each committee are posted separately on the Council website and with SOTS.
- 11.\*Adjourn:** John. Curtin moved to adjourn the meeting and Sabra Mayo seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.

*\*Indicates vote taken by the Council.*