



CONNECTICUT FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL
March 8, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Commission on Deaf and Hearing Impaired

In attendance:

Lisa Sheppard, *Co-Chair*, Sara Lourie, Marie Bennett, Ann Gionet. Linda Mizzi, Karen Hlavac, Colleen Hayles, Tesha Imperati, Terry Cote, Sharon Dexler

Call to Order: 10:15 a.m. by *Co Chair*, Lisa Sheppard

Open for Public Comment: 10:16 a.m. No public present – closed 10:17 a.m.

Review of January Meeting Minutes

Recommended changes made. Meeting minutes will reflect the changes. Karen Hlavac motioned to accept the meeting minutes once corrections are made. Ann Gionet seconded. (6 yes, 2 abstentions). Minutes approved.

Old Business:

Legislative Breakfast

Lisa Sheppard thanked agencies on getting their information together. Several Legislators sent their staff, and some Legislators attended as well. Lisa Sheppard has the sign-in sheet. Jen Carroll and April Dipollina were acknowledged for all of their efforts. The Annual Report was dropped off to all Legislators.

Hands and Voices discussed – granted National Chapter status. They were featured in the Family Support Network spring newsletter. A parent member from Hands and Voices will be invited to join the Family Support Council.

Overall the breakfast was well organized and well attended. Next year schedule the Breakfast around the same time when the Legislators are in session.

Annual Report

Thanks to the sub-committee that put it together. Discussed if the attachment for each agency should be separate attachments or attached to the FSC Annual Report – discussed but no decision made.

Update: By-Laws

Sharon Dexler gave an update on the Committee. Changes were made; the By-Laws had to be retyped (word document).

Lisa Sheppard will write a memo to have someone else on the committee. Sharon Dexler is no longer able to work directly on the document. Sarah Lourie will join the By-Laws Committee.

Meeting date will be established today.

Announcement

Family members need to join the Family Support Council. Suggestions/recommendations were asked for by Lisa Sheppard.

Robyn Trowbridge provided testimony concerning the CHRO/OPA merger as presented on 2/16/12.

New Business

School Climate Legislation discussed as to how it will impact children with Developmental Disabilities. Lisa Sheppard reported that her school district conducted a full scale survey: family/teachers/students. It will be Evidence Based State Professional Grant through SRBI – 5 years – targeting small/rural areas.

No additional new business.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2012 at Commission on Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

Minutes recorded by Marie Bennett, Secretary