CONNECTICUT FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL
Meeting Agenda
April 10, 2014

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Office of Protection and Advocacy

Call to Order: Co-Chairs Mona Tremblay and Robyn Trowbridge

Introductions

Public Comment

Announcements

Old Business

New Business

Finalization and Distribution of Annual Report
Membership Recruitment
Nominations Committee

Standing Agenda Items

School Climate/Education Issues
Linkage with other family groups

Adjournment

Family Support Council
Connecticut General Statute §17a-219c

Sec. 17a-219c. Family Support Council. (a) There is established a Family Support Council to assist the Department of Developmental Disabilities and other state agencies that administer or fund family support services to act in concert and, within available appropriations, to (1) establish a comprehensive, coordinated system of family support services, (2) use existing state and other resources efficiently and effectively as appropriate for such services, (3) identify and address services that are needed for families of children with disabilities, and (4) promote statewide availability of such services. The council shall consist of twenty-seven voting members including the Commissioners of Public Health, Developmental Services, Children and Families, Education and Social Services, or their designees, the Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee, the executive director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for persons with Disabilities or the executive director's designee, the chairperson of the State Interagency Birth-to-Three Coordinating Council, established pursuant to section 17a-248b, or the chairperson's designee, the executive director of the Commission on Children or the executive director's designee, and family members of, or individuals who advocate for, children with disabilities. The family members or individuals who advocate for children with disabilities shall comprise two-thirds of the council and shall be appointed as follows: Six by the Governor, three by the president pro tempore of the Senate, two by the majority leader of the Senate, one by the minority leader of the Senate, three by the speaker of the House of Representatives, two by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and one by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. All appointed members serving on or after October 5, 2009, shall serve no more than eight consecutive years on the council. The council shall meet at least quarterly and shall select its own chairperson. Council members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred. The costs of administering the council shall be within available appropriations in accordance with this section and sections 17a-219a and 17a-219b.

(b) The council shall: (1) Gather input and develop a vision and guidelines for family support services in Connecticut; (2) review existing program policies, procedures and funding mechanisms for conformity to the guidelines and make appropriate recommendations; (3) monitor the implementation of the guidelines and recommendations; (4) report to the Governor and the General Assembly on an annual basis regarding the status of family support services, including the implementation of the guidelines and recommendations; (5) advocate for family support services in accordance with the guidelines; (6) compile and distribute information on family support services within public and private agencies; and (7) perform such other duties as are elated to the advancement of family centered supports, policies and services.

(P.A. 94-228, S. 3, 4; P.A. 95-257, S. 12, 21, 58; P.A. 96-185, S. 13, 16; P.A.98-100; P.A. 01-195, S. 127, 181; P.A. 07-73, S. 2(a),(b); Sept. Sp. Sess. P.A. 09-7, S. 137; P.A. 10-93, S. 9; June 12 Sp. Sess. P.A. 12-2, S.123)