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FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL
Membership Subcommittee Meeting Notes
April 9, 2009

Date: 4/9/2009

Place: Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

Time: 9:00am-10:00am

Facilitator: Joan Law

Recorder: Chris Sloss (respectfully submitted 4/21)

Attendees: –Joan Law(Parent/Chair), Terry Cote (DDS), Tom Brooks (COC), Laura Knapp (Parent), Lisa Sheppard (Parent/FSN Coordinator), Jen Carroll (Parent/ FSN Statewide coordinator), Chris Sloss (Staff)

Review of Draft By-Laws:

Highlights and recommendations for revision:

1. Only area Joan suggested be changed is Article III section 4c – The co-chairpersons **or their designee** shall:

Suggestion:

Represent the **views of the** council in the community and to public officials.

2. Under the Policy section - Meetings- Telephone (only) conference call in options for our electronic meetings is not allowed, we must also have an established location at which the public can attend.

Suggestion:

The agendas and locations of meetings shall be posted on the DDS website. The co-chairpersons may make telephone conference calling available to members to participate electronically in council meetings.

3. Article V section 3 – additional meetings may be called by the co-chairpersons for consideration of emergency matters to be noted in the call of the meeting. Notice must be given at least 72 hours in advance.

Suggestions:

Change paragraph to read – **Special** meetings may be called by the co-chairpersons for consideration of **special** matters to be noted in the call of the meeting. Notice must be given at least **24 hours** in advance.

Vacant Appointments:

Renee Mirante term expires as of April 1st so we have an appointment under Donald Williams to pursue.

Larry Cafero (Norwalk) (1 to fill)

Martin Looney (New Haven) (2 to fill)

Denise Merrill (Storrs) (2 to fill)

Governor (2) vacancies to fill

Suggested educating the Governor and the legislators about what the council does, our vacancies, and some suggested appointees. Suggested writing letters and holding follow up meetings with appointing authorities. Discussion of network coordinators' ability to be appointed to Council.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 am.