

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES



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Council on Developmental Services

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

DRAFT Minutes of Thursday, November 13, 2014

Location: Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Central Office, Conference Room A

In attendance: Adrienne Benjamin; David Hadden; Rick Lenz; Diana Mennone; Sheila Mulvey; Patti Silva, Chair; Deborah Ullman; Patrick Vingo; Lisa Weisinger-Roland

Absent: Jack Frost; Jamie Lazaroff; Dr. Terrence Macy, Ex-Officio; Dr. Neil Stein

Staff: Joseph Drexler, Deputy Commissioner; Rod O'Connor, Legislative Liaison; Christine Pollio Cooney, Legislative and Executive Affairs; Margaret Valentino, Executive Secretary

Public Participation

Katie Rock, Public Policy Specialist at the Connecticut Community Providers Association (CCPA)

Approval of October Minutes

Minutes for the October meeting were reviewed and approved with changes.

Legislative Update – Christine Pollio Cooney

Christine went over the election results and suggested the Council could take a look at the Secretary of State's website for election results per town.

Legislative Liaison – Rod O'Connor

Rod reviewed a hand out he gave to the Council on the bylaws explaining what the changes are in each Article listed one through seven. Rod will send out a corrected copy of the bylaws to the Council with the proposed changes requested which will be voted on during the December Council meeting.

Deputy Commissioner's Update

The Deputy Commissioner spoke about the Special Olympics Unified Sports Event he and the Commissioner attended at Conard High School in West Hartford on November 6th. He enjoyed watching the athletes and presenting them with medals. On November 13th, the Deputy Commissioner attended The Arc annual meeting in which there was a tribute to Peg Dignoti, previous Executive Director of The Arc of Connecticut. The Deputy Commissioner mentioned Commissioner Macy was in Alexandria, Virginia, at the 2014 Directors Forum & Annual Conference. The Deputy Commissioner gave an update on Department of Developmental Services (DDS) investigations and the registry praising the work of the (DDS) attorneys who work on the registry. The Deputy Commissioner spoke about a letter received on November 12th from the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). The Secretary of OPM has taken some action on behalf of the Governor due to the projected \$50 million shortfall in revenue. He spoke about the hiring freeze and how it could potentially impact DDS services. The Deputy

Commissioner explained rescissions and how OPM could cut reduce the DDS budget and what areas could be affected.

Old Business

The Council decided to table the letter to the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Service Improvement Working Group. Lisa Weisinger-Roland gave an update about the (IDD) Service Improvement Working Group and her role as a member. Lisa will report to the (IDD) Service Improvement Working Group that the Council is supportive and will provide regular updates to the council of the Working Group's activities.

New Business

Katie Rock (CCPA) will come to the December 11th Council meeting to present on rate transition concerns. Council members would like to be kept up to date on the status of the Community Living Arrangements (CLA) and Community Companion Homes (CCH) Regulations review process.

The Council will vote in December on changes to the bylaws.

Jennifer Bogin, DDS Autism Director, will be invited to present to the Council in January not December.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

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