



**State of Connecticut**  
**Department of Developmental Services**  
**Council on Developmental Services**



*Dannel P. Malloy*  
*Governor*

**Minutes of Thursday, October 8, 2015**

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

**In attendance:** Patti Silva, Chair; Adrienne Benjamin, Vice Chair; Jamie Lazaroff, Secretary; Jack Frost; Rick Lenz; Deborah Ullman; Patrick Vingo; Lisa Weisinger-Roland; Kevin Zingler

**Absent:** Jennifer Carroll; David Hadden; Diana Mennone; Sheila Mulvey; Dr. Neil Stein

**Staff:** Morna A. Murray, Commissioner; Margaret Valentino, Executive Secretary

**Introductions**

Council members and staff introduced themselves to new Council member, Kevin Zingler

**Public Participation**

Rick Rothstein from CT DDS Families First introduced himself to the Council

**Approval of September Minutes**

Minutes for the September 10, 2015, minutes were approved

**Topics for Discussion**

Commissioner Murray offered the Council the option to meet on alternative Council meeting nights if she had prior obligations. Rod O'Connor will update the Council on a response. The Commissioner updated the Council on the Southbury Training School (STS) call for public recommendations memo which was sent to all DDS stakeholders on October 2. The Commissioner updated the Council on the recent rescissions' handout and answered questions from the Council. The Commissioner explained the updated Department of Developmental Services (DDS) organizational chart.

Adrienne Benjamin updated the Council on her participation at the Building a Greater Life: Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the IDEA and the 25th Anniversary of the ADA Conference.

**New Business:**

The Council will discuss ideas on bringing family and advocacy groups together in a unified voice offering options to invite legislators and host a type of forum.

The Council would like, as a group, to offer suggestions to the call for public recommendations concerning STS.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.