

West Region  
Advisory Council

## **Minutes**

November 10, 2011

In attendance: Fritz Gorst, Gil Kellersman, Cindy Stramandinoli, Liselotte Schwab, Karleen Craddock, Mickey Herbst, Arlene Steinfeld, via speaker-phone: Laurette Shrage

1. Fritz gave updates and announcements to the Council about recent changes concerning staff retiring and staff covering while we wait for OPM to approve the refill of several key positions.
2. Fritz reviewed with the Council the status of the budget and how the region would fare for the remaining fiscal year and moving into FY13.
3. Fritz gave an update on the settlement agreement and placement status at Southbury Training School.
4. Mickey distributed copies of the draft for the DDS 5-Year plan to all council members. Most members had received a copy and the Council engaged in a very spirited discussion regarding the five year plan on how it would affect private and public services.
5. The Council also had discussion about the Business Plan for FY12 and reviewed all the objectives and their status through the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned.