

## Region 4 Advisory Council Voting Members Meeting

April 21, 2015  
Hartford DCF Office  
250 Hamilton Street  
Hartford, CT

**Members Present:** Liz Bryden, Alice Farrell, Hector Glynn, Wayne Johnson (DCF), Diane Kearney, Beth Landolina (DCF), Nick Lebron. Lorna Little, Donna Maitland-Ward (DCF), Manny Maldonado, Alana Parkinson, Regina Roundtree, Kathy Schiessl, Maritza Velez (DCF), Jeanette White (DCF),

**Voting Members Absent:** Bastie, Deb; Becker, Sarah; Blue, Terrance; Brown, Sophia; Caban-Hernandez, Janier; Carroll, Tim; Farinella, Ivy; Hunter, Colinda; Johnson, Winston; Parkinson, Alana; Perez, Salina; Robles, Josie; Stone, Martha; Wilson, Terrence;

The DCF Region 4 RAC meeting was held at the Hartford DCF office from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. This meeting is for the voting membership & DCF Staff.

### Overview of Meeting

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to move subcommittees forward, DCF Performance Expectations, Co-chair position, annual meeting, voting on new members and terms.

### Introductions

### Minutes review

- The December minutes were approved

### Performance Expectations Presentation- DCF (handout given)

- Slide show explaining Region 4 performance expectations, data and strategies for meeting performance expectations
- Statewide there are 5 performance expectation
  - a. Exit for Juan F. Consent Decree
  - b. Ensure that children reside safely with families whenever possible and appropriate
  - c. Achieve racial justice across the DCF system
  - d. Prepare children and adolescents in care for success
  - e. Prepare and support the workforce to meet the needs of children and families
- COI teams are listed next to each expectation and what will be their focus area to work on

- A new CQI team, Regional Racial Justice Workgroup (RJWG) has been formed to work on the Racial justice piece
- Region 4 will be giving a presentation to the commissioner on our performance expectations

### Subcommittees

- We need to discuss the structure around our RAC group
- Professional development is meeting regularly
- Subcommittees came from the Regional Implementation Committee
- Think about how the RAC or sub committees can be revamped or organized around these performance expectations
- Members of RAC could serve on the CQI teams
- Sara Becker is interested in joining
- These performance expectations are what we as a RAC should be focusing on
- If RAC committees have something they need or want to work on that is great
- Performance Development should stay as a committee
- Healthy developments would like to merge with case planning-make sure RAC members are valued
- These teams would still go through the RAC and the RAC process to implement new ideas
- Martha wanted to know how we did with the school choice lottery-DCF did report out on this already
- RAC does not meet every month so the subcommittees can meet
- Meet with the CQI teams instead of subcommittees and let RAC will know when any issue is presented to the group
- If you find something needs more accountability then bring it to the RAC
- Voting members are the most active on the committees
- Community Partnership, Professional Development and Membership need to stay as RAC sub committees
- Subcommittees can decide when to meet with CQI and not have a separate meeting
- Identify issues that we need to work on or issues that are not a performance expectation
- Co-chair is needed, should be a provider within our voting members
- Terry will email a list of CQI meetings and chair information to all RAC members
- Subcommittee members to bring summary of accomplishments to next meeting
- Regina will send out nomination information to voting members

The Region 4 RAC full membership meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Submitted by,  
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