



MINUTES

4/10/08

10AM TO 12PM

COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND
HARD OF HEARING

MEETING CALLED BY	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly
NOTE TAKER	Laura Knapp
ATTENDEES	Laura Knapp, Jen Carroll, Molly Cole, Joan Law, Tesha Imperati,, April Dipollina, Deborah Pagano, Eveleen McDonald, Charmaine Gentles, Sheila Harris, Angela Spino, Mona Tremblay, Terry Cote

10:00 -10:15

LEGISLATION

DISCUSSION	Both the Catastrophic Relief and funding for the CFSC are not in the appropriation budget. 60 million was taken out of the budget. Joan Law and Jay Sicklick were on a conference call with the Catalysts Center to look at other funding options for the Catastrophic Relief fund. Folks are still looking into the Katie Beckett enrollment and waitlist.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

10:15 -10:30

CTFSC FUNDING

DISCUSSION	DD Council has awarded funds for a part-time staff person to the CTFSC. DDS is the lead agency and will accept the applications. The job description will post the 1 st -2 nd week of May. There is a break down for mileage.		
CONCLUSIONS	Job Description will be posted		
ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

10-30-11:00

DDS CONVENTION 2008

APRIL

DISCUSSION	DDS is looking to partner with others who work with people who have developmental disabilities for a convention in the spring of 2010. The Convention would hold workshops, focus groups and other presentations. April agreed to partner as the CTFSC and suggested the council. April provide a hand out describing the Convention.		
CONCLUSIONS	The CTFSC and Council would like to participate.		
ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

11:15- 11:30

UPDATES

DISCUSSION	<p>FSN: Has a new number 1-877-FSN-2DAY. There continues to be technical issues with the website.</p> <p>Northeast: Mona has a Focus Group planned; the region continues to receive calls from families and providers.</p> <p>Northeast: April attended the Grace Curtis Luncheon to honor folks working with the "grassroots" movement</p>
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<p>South west: Lisa continues to hold the support group this May will be for B-3 parents. The Forum will be held in May and continues to work with the MHP.</p> <p>South Central: Tesha is working with CPAC on Focused Monitoring School districts. She has done two rotations of FM. Districts are still using "time out rooms", which they are not supposed to do. If there is a window and not lock on the door then it is legal. Tesha will hold the focus group and forum for the Medical Home. Tesha also is reviewing grant proposals for the B-3 folks.</p> <p>AFACMP: continues to provide Workshops on special education. They have several referrals from Help Me Grow. June 27th the Annual Education Summit with Guest Speaker.</p> <p>DPH:</p> <p>DCF: Voluntary services: people are on a waitlist. Referrals are going back and forth between DDS and DCF. DSS has allocated all the funds. When calling DCF Voluntary Services make them aware if the child has DDS services involved.</p> <p>AJ Pappanoikou: Working on sickle cell. The STAR Team is up and running. The STAR came out of the P.J. settlement. STAR works with district to increase time spent with nondisabled peers. Four people went to the conference in Mass. Molly continues to work on the Medical Home survey and the Focus Groups for the Medical home and Therapeutic Foster Care.</p> <p>DDS:</p> <p>DSS:</p> <p>STED:</p> <p>ASCON:</p> <p>ASRC:</p> <p>COC:</p> <p>OCA:</p> <p>OHA:</p> <p>CLRC: Continues to work on the Title V Medical Home Initiative. People looking for the diaper funds/bank contact Joy or the Medical Home Initiative in their region.</p> <p>DDC: Handed out for the IEP manual anyone interested can contact Angela Spino. A survey will come with the manual everyone is encouraged to fill it out. Folks discussed the issues surrounding the electronic IEP systems. Districts have global goals and are not sure how to change the goals in the system.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	The council will speak to the State Department of Education representative on the Council about the Electronic IEP issues.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

11:30-12:00

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

DISCUSSION	<p>The Council would like more diversity and members.</p> <p>The 8 appointed members are; Karen Z, Laura K, Joan L, Terry W, Cindy S, Karen H, René M.</p> <p>The open slots are: 2- from the Governor, 1- Senate Pro, 2- Speaker Amman, 2-House Majority, 2- Senate Majority, 1- House Minority.</p> <p>Folks inquired if the Network Coordinators could be appointed members.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	A workgroup to look at Council appointments	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Post the code of ethics on the list serve.		

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:	Laura Knapp
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