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MINUTES

6/12/08

10AM TO 12PM

COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND
HARD OF HEARING

MEETING CALLED BY	
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly
NOTE TAKER	Mary Jean Schierberl
ATTENDEES	Jennifer Carroll (FSN/Parent), Sheila Harris (FSN/Parent), April Dipollina (FSN/Parent), Mona Tremblay (FSN/Parent), Lisa Sheppard (FSN/Parent), Alice Buttwell (FSN/Parent), Karen Zrenda (Co-chair, YNH/H/Parent), Thomas Brooks (COC), Joan Law (Feroletto/Parent), Cindy Stramandinoli (Feroletto/Parent), Mary Jean Schierberl (SDE), Eveleen McDonald (OPA), Sylvia Gafford-Alexander (DSS), Karen Hlavac (DD Council/Parent), Christina Ghio (OCA), Vicki Veltri (OHA), Michael Mitchell (OHA), Steve Colangelo (DSS/Guest Presenter)

10:00 -10:15

**INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

DISCUSSION	<p>Guest from the nonprofit Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care, Inc. from New Britain, distributed material on sickle cell anemia including public service pamphlet. Dept of Public Health involved. Statewide plan on its website.</p> <p>Re approval of May 2008 minutes, A correction: In legislation section, Joy L was in on conference call regarding Catastrophic Relief Fund; In update section, April is in the Southeast, not Northeast</p> <p>A question from Tom Brooks, in council appointments section, was a work group established to look at council appointments? This question launched much discussion. By-laws were distributed. Looks like many of the available slots on the council are vacant which is a serious issue. Council needs to make advising legislators and governor's office on council appointments a priority. A great way to education on council's messages too. Appointments should take into consideration need for diversity on council. Suggestion was made to use "Democracy Works" or Permanent Commission on Status of Women as talent banks for appointments. Discussion as to whether network members can serve on council. Suggestion was made to ask the DDS attorney for an opinion.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Members volunteered to serve on workgroup including: Lisa Sheppard, Eveleen McDonald, Vicki Veltri, Joan Law, Tom Brooks, Karen Hlavek, Jen Carrol and Sylvia Gafford-Alexander. Charge of group is to 1) bring council appointments in compliance with by-laws 2) review membership by-laws to see if consistent with authorizing statute; and 3) determine if network staff can be members of council.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Email would be sent out (by Karen?) to set up first meeting		

10:15 -10:30

CTFSC FUNDING

DISCUSSION	<p>Jen C. raised the issue that Developmental Disabilities Council is considering funding/nonfunding for the Council staff person position for next year and should hear from us that funding is needed. Jen handed out information from the DD council website, "CT Council Seeks Public Input on 2009 Priorities"</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Provide feedback to DD council. Karen will post sample feedback or bulleted points on listserv</p>	
ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
feedback	Council members	8/1/08

10-30-11:00

RETREAT DATE

DISCUSSION	July? August? Sept? Council work is a year round proposition. This is an election year; legislature will be focused on election until November so could have retreat in September. Discussion about state agency budget option cycle and release of legislative agendas and the fact that the agency agendas should reflect the priorities of the Council.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

11:15- 11:30

UPDATES

DISCUSSION	Didn't do updates		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

11:30-12:00

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

DISCUSSION	See Introduction and Approval of Minutes above		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:	
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