



CONNECTICUT FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL

March 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Office of Protection and Advocacy, Hartford

In attendance: Marie Bennett, Sharon Dexler, Jennifer Carroll, Robin Wood, Terry Cote, Robyn Trowbridge, *Co-Chair*, Linda Mizzi, April Dipollina, Sara Lourie, Lisa Sheppard, *Co-Chair*, Tesha Imperati. Miriam Martinez, Ann Gionet

Excused Absence: Karen Hlavac

Absent: Sylvia Gafford-Alexander, Colleen Hayles, Steven Hernandez, Esq., Maureen Smith

Call to Order: 10:15 a.m. by Robyn Trowbridge, *Co-Chair*

Mona Tremblay is present via telephone. Introduction of Committee members.

Open to Public: No public present.

Review of January minutes: Add Mona Tremblay to January's attendance. Sara Lourie made the motion to accept the minutes as written with the addition of Mona Tremblay's name. Sharon Dexler seconded. Terry Cote and Tesha Imperati abstained. Minutes were accepted.

Old Business

Conversation about the Legislative Breakfast. A letter will be sent by the *Co-Chairs* to the Office of Protection and Advocacy thanking them for the 200 copies of the Family Support Council's Annual Report. Robyn Trowbridge will have a conversation with Rosa DeLauro and Cathy Abercrombie about the best means to get information out to the Legislators. We will get out the report, hand delivered, to Legislators and contact will be made as to what the Legislators thought about the report. The question is what type of forum and letter to go to with this report. Each family member was encouraged to meet with their Legislator or Representative.

Discussion about a press statement, press conference

Local stories to local Legislators

Miriam Martinez discussed the Massachusetts website on how to develop this type of video (information was forwarded to the Committee members),

What is our marketing message?

Sub-Committee to develop DVD – Mona Tremblay, Robin Wood, April Dipollina, Robyn Trowbridge

Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Commissioners should review the Annual Report first. The report can go on the DDS website.

Department of Health: Assoc. Child/Maternal Health link will be sent out to members. Families expressing what is important to them.

New Business

Recording Secretary, Marie Bennett, DDS, resigned as Recording Secretary and member of the Family Support Council. Robin Wood will be attending the Family Support Council meetings as the representative for DDS. Sara Lourie agreed to be the interim Recording Secretary until the next Family Support Council elections. Jennifer Carroll made a motion to accept Marie Bennett's resignation. Mona Tremblay seconded. The *Co-Chairs* thanked Marie Bennett for her work over the past two years on the Family Support Council. Marie expressed that the Council is in a very good place now. She encouraged the Council to remain focused on their initiatives and to continue to review the PATH that was developed almost two years ago.

Old Business

Lisa Sheppard will contact Pat about setting up School Climate training for us.

Sub-Committee – School Climate: Carlos Colon, Sharon Dexler, Tesha Imperati, Lisa Sheppard, Marie Bennett and Linda Mizzi.

Follow-Up Needed

- Decision about type of legislative presentation
- Letter that will go to the Legislators, Governor and Commissioner
- Finish the family DVD
- School Climate Training

Announcements:

Robin Wood: Creating a new family website. Anyone interested, please see Robin.

Motion for a letter of support for the DD Council/community partnership. Lisa Sheppard. April Dipollina seconded. Abstained: Robin Wood and Marie Bennett. All in favor.

Marie wishes the Council the very best and continued success.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Marie Bennett, Secretary