

**CONNECTICUT FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2016**

**Location:** Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, Hartford, CT

**In attendance:** Annika Burney, Laurie Cantwell, Joan Barere, Linda Mizzi, Allison Quirion, Mona Tremblay, Robin Wood

**On Phone:** Isabelina Rodriguez and Lisa Sheppard

**Absent:** Mark Greenstein, Renee Toper, Wayne Camarro, April Dipollina, Ann Gionet, Sara Lourie,

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order:** 10:17 AM by Laurie Cantwell

**Public Comment:** None

**Announcements:** Allison reported that October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. On October 24<sup>th</sup> there is a Dyslexia Forum at the Capitol supporting all the work that was done by advocates to pass the Dyslexia Legislation. Each person will be recognized for their contribution.

**Approval of July 14, 2016 Minutes:** Holding off on approval

Lisa request that membership review the letters to increase membership. Robin requested that Lisa send a letter to Commissioner Bremby as soon as possible to replace Sylvia.

Laurie advised Lisa that there are two boxes of Annual Reports that are sitting in her car. Molly took one box for the incoming legislators. Lisa will follow up with Molly Cole regarding distribution of the Annual Reports. Laurie will hand off the Annual Reports to Joan at the next FSC meeting.

Discussion regarding Allan's suggestion for positive language for Annual Report stories. Joan suggested that the FSC develop templates for families to use in order to submit testimony. The meeting was devoted to discussion on the retreat and upcoming meeting either November 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> with Allan Bergman. Discussion on changing current FSC statute. Joan and Allison will team up to incorporate legislative changes submitted by membership. Robin will check with Rod to see if he is available to assist. FSC members are were asked to submit ideas for changing legislation.

The FSC developed a draft Mission Statement. Membership is asked to review and make changes. "We are a partnership of parents, family advocates and state agencies who promote the improvement of the lives of families of children with disabilities."

**Old Business: Membership Committee** will hold off on seeking new members until a new mission statement and vision is developed.

**Networking Committee** has not met. They will move forward with seeking new agency representation once the Mission and Vision statements are done.

**2020 Campaign** – committee has decided to hold off on moving forward until after the election.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 PM. Motion was made by Laurie Cantwell and seconded by Linda Mizzi. Unanimously passed.

Minutes submitted by Linda Mizzi, Secretary.