



**CONNECTICUT FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 8, 2016**

**Meeting Time:** 10:00a.m –12:00p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities  
Hartford, Connecticut.

**In Attendance:** Laurie Cantwell, Ann Gionet, Sara Lourie, Linda Mizzi, Annika Burney

**On Phone:** April Dipollina, Lisa Sheppard, Mona Tremblay

**Absent:** Renee Toper, Robin Wood, Joan Barere, Allison Quirion, Isabelina Rodriguez, Lynn Fogg-Cornllio

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order:** 10:09 AM by Lisa Sheppard

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of November Minutes:** Sara Lourie made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes; Mona Tremblay seconded the motion and it was approved by the Council members present. Abstentions included April Dipollina.

**Old Business:**

**Membership/Nominations Committee-** Membership committee is holding off on recruitment until the Vision and Mission statements are approved. However, anyone wanting to invite a new member may do so. Mona has submitted her resume to Sen. Looney's office. She will also submit a copy to Robin Wood for the files.

**Networking Committee-** Networking committee is holding off on recruitment until the Vision and Mission statements are approved. Robin Wood has a list of Family Agencies that the committee will contact.

**Update on 2020 Campaign-** Lisa Sheppard reports the 2020 Campaign is moving in a different direction. They are looking at supporting families on the long waitlist. Lisa reported that the Connecticut News Junkie had an article mentioning the 2020 Campaign.

The membership unanimously approved the Mission, Vision, Statutory Language and Definition of Family. Tabled were the core values and strategies.

Linda, Laurie and Sara will meet to review the request for membership representation letter to Commissioners.

**New Business:**

Linda reminded membership that P&A will be abolished as of 7/1/17. Membership should secure a new location for their meetings.

**Legislative report-** was tabled until next meeting

**Annual Report** – Ann Gionet provided hard copies of the Annual Report Committee’s report.

**Announcements: None**

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 pm by Laurie Cantwell.

Minutes submitted by Linda Mizzi