



**State of Connecticut**  
**Department of Developmental Services**  
**Council on Developmental Services**



*Dannel P. Malloy*  
Governor

**Minutes of Thursday, September 10, 2015**

Location: Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Central Office, Conference Room A

**In attendance:** Adrienne Benjamin, Vice Chair; Jennifer Carroll; Jack Frost; Jamie Lazaroff, Secretary; Rick Lenz; Dr. Neil Stein; Patrick Vingo; Lisa Weisinger-Roland; Kevin Zingler

**Absent:** David Hadden; Diana Mennone; Sheila Mulvey; Patti Silva, Chair; Deborah Ullman

**Staff:** Ed Mambruno, Ombudsman; Jordan Scheff, Deputy Commissioner; Crescentino (Cres) Secchiaroli, Fiscal Administrator; Margaret Valentino, Executive Secretary

**Introductions**

Council members and staff introduced themselves to new Council member, Kevin Zingler

**Public Participation**

No members of the public were present

**Approval of July Minutes**

Minutes for the July 9, 2015, minutes were approved.

**Ombudsman Report – Ed Mambruno**

Ed Mambruno went over highlights of his Ombudsman report to the Council and spoke about his trip with the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner to the Channel 3 Kids Camp in Coventry.

**Deputy Commissioner, Jordan Scheff and Cres Secchiaroli**

Jordan showed the Council the Commissioner's video, *Committing to Excellence*, and went over highlights of the video. Jordan and Cres answered questions from the Council and gave a summary of the hiring of the consulting firm of Blum Shapiro.

Patrick Vingo and other Council members gave an update about their trip to the Lower Fairfield Center in Norwalk.

**New Business:**

Council to be updated on the Southbury Training School (STS) work group.

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

