



State of Connecticut
Department of Developmental Services



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Council on Developmental Services

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Minutes of Thursday, November 12, 2015

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

In attendance: Patti Silva, Chair; Adrienne Benjamin, Vice Chair; Jennifer Carroll; Jack Frost; Rick Lenz; Diana Mennone; Patrick Vingo; Lisa Weisinger-Roland; Kevin Zingler

Absent: Jamie Lazaroff, Secretary; David Hadden; Dr. Neil Stein; Deborah Ullman

Staff: Jordan Scheff, Deputy Commissioner; Edward Mambruno, Ombudsman; Margaret Valentino, Executive Secretary

Introductions

Chair, Patti Silva, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Public Participation

Rick Rothstein from CT DDS Families First

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the October 8, 2015, meeting were approved

Topics for Discussion

Ed Mambruno summarized his ombudsman report and answered questions from the Council.

Jordan Scheff, Deputy Commissioner, updated the Council on the IDD Working Group meeting which he attended on November 6 and summarized for the Council the direction of the Group going forward. He explained Community First Choice and answered questions from the Council. Jordan explained to the Council the roll of Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Self Advocates and his recent meeting with the group

New Business:

The Council will discuss ideas on bringing family and advocacy groups together in a unified voice offering options for common agenda items benefitting consumers such as funding.

The Council would like, as a group, to offer suggestions to the call for public recommendations concerning Southbury Training School (STS).

New officers to be appointed by the nominating committee of Jack Frost, Rick Lenz and Diana Mennone.

The Council will vote on the 2016 calendar.

Kendres Lally, DDS Director of Investigations, will be asked to present to the Council at the December 10th meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.