

DDS North Region
Regional Advisory Council

November 16, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Collette Bement Langner, Chair; Richard Rothstein, Vice Chair; Donna Clauson, Joe Duffy, Ronald Langner, Annette Scully, Tammy Selinger, Andrew Selinger, Elisa Velardo, Claudia Neumann

Guests: Mary Lou O'Connor, Sue Prihar

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

- Social Media/Facebook Page – Annette Scully reported that the Facebook page is up and running. The purpose is to have a place to share information. It was asked that members share any informational flyers for events or groups. Elisa will forward the information regarding the Starlight Ball.
- 2017 Advisory Council Meeting Schedule - The 2017 schedule was shared and reviewed. The September meeting date conflicts with a holiday so it was asked if it could be changed. It was agreed that the date will be changed to September 13, 2017.
- Budget Updates:
 - Rick Rothstein reported that last he heard, things were going along on track.
 - Some of the conversions were lacking any bids
 - May see some savings due to people from the regional centers that closed choosing to move to community CLA's (from Public to Private). One person in the West Region moved to an interim placement and they are exploring MFP.
 - Representatives would like to convene the legislature to do a deficit mitigation plan. The Governor is saying it can be dealt with in January.
 - Two reports issued yesterday, OFA and OPM, which basically said the deficit is \$1.3 billion (FY18), which may even be lower than what it could actually be.
 - Commissioners have been asked to submit their 10% plans. It should be posted on the OPM website very soon. This does include the conversions and closures.
- The DDS 5-year plan will be issued shortly. Public hearings will be held on 12/6 at 10:00am and 4:00pm for public comment on the 5-year plan. Elisa reported that the Regions are in the process of reviewing and any comments need to be submitted by tomorrow. It was also stated that it is supposed to be reviewed by the Council on Developmental Services at the meeting tomorrow night.
- A group has been formed that includes representation from multiple advocacy groups (part of Families First and the DD Council) to try to come up with a package of legislative agenda items that all can agree on. There is one more meeting scheduled for December. There has also been discussion about possibly keeping the group together throughout the session to continue to share information about how things are going. It should be complete by 12/10 and there will be input by the DD Council.

- Regional Director Updates:
 - Closures and Conversions – RFP #4 was issued last week for 5 CLA's. The Bidders' Conference will take place, visits will occur, proposals will be submitted, committees will meet, and recommendations will be made to the Commissioner. All five were part of RFP #3 and were re-issued.
 - RFP #3 is in the middle of the committee selection process at the same time that RFP #4 was issued.

- Review of Sunset Law questionnaire: responses that were given at the last meeting were reviewed. Responses will be sent to Central Office tomorrow to be combined with the responses from the other regions to be sent to the legislature.

- Other Discussion:
 - ID Partnership Committee: A planning committee with DDS/DSS/OPM began meeting last summer. A plan to have four sub-committees came from the meeting. Two of the committees have already begun to meet, two have not started yet. Collette reported that she is part of the Advisory Committee that will be following the sub-committees and will be bringing feedback to the main Partnership Committee. She will bring any information that is shared from the committees here to the RAC.
 - OPA was briefly discussed. It will be privatized by July 1, 2017. The RFP has not gone out yet. There is a group that has been formed to review. Elisa will try to get an update for the January meeting.

There is no meeting scheduled for December. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 18th at 5:00 pm**. Please contact Claudia Neumann if there are any items to be added to the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Neumann
Executive Secretary