

**DDS South Region
Regional Advisory and Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018**

Members Present: Leslie Bridges-Parent, David Cassano, Carol Cooney, Dawn DeMatteo, Heidi Earle, and Thomas Dailey, DDS South Region Director

Public Present: Lauralyn Lewis, Denise Tift

Guests: Kathy Calo, DDS SR CCH Program Coordinator, and Tim O'Brien, DDS SR Quality Life Monitor

Scribe: Jolie Crescimano-Goss, DDS Executive Secretary

Chairperson's Report:

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM. All made introductions.
- **Citizen Comment** – Ms. Lauralynn Lewis inquired about the Commissioner's recent meetings with families and the status of the annual waiting list report to the DDS Council on Developmental Services and the DDS RACs. Ms. Lewis reminded the RAC that the latter is now statutorily mandated.

Regional Director Dailey provided recapped themes of the Commissioner's recent round of statewide family meetings. Respite, housing, LEA interface, transition planning, day program options, transportation, aging population, and case management movement, inconsistencies, and training, were among the issues raised by families.

Regional Director Dailey's office will forward the waiting list report to the Council electronically in the next few days.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the council voted to approve the minutes of the September 2018, meeting.*
- **Field Activity Report** –
 - SARAH is opening a weekend respite program
 - Gubernatorial debates on-going

Presentations:

- **DDS Community Companion Home (CCH) Program** – CCH Program Director Kathy Calo provided an overview of the DDS Community Companion Home Program.
- **DDS Rent Subsidy Program** – Quality Life Monitor Tim O'Brien provided an overview the DDS Rent Subsidy Program.

Regional Director's Updates:

- Regional Director Dailey provided an update on current DDS happenings and initiatives including National Core Indicator Survey results, Blended Supports Pilot Project, and efforts to mitigate hospital admissions/long-term stays through the development of IFS expanded support teams, services, and a DDS step-down unit.

New Business:

- **2019 Council Priorities** – Following discussion the Council decided that it would like to continue to have presenters on DDS related various DDS topics (NCI results, IP delivery) and continue advocating at the legislative level.
- **Membership** – The Council currently has two vacancies. Based on a review of meeting attendance, it was decided that Council member Harney will be resigned from membership as he is unable to attend meetings regularly. The RD's office will notify him by letter on the Council's behalf.
- **2019 Schedule of Meetings** – The 2019 schedule of RAC meetings was distributed, reviewed, and agreed to.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Next Meeting: January 16, 6:00 PM, **Henry Carter Hull Library, Clinton**