

**DDS South Region  
Regional Advisory and Planning Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2018**

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

**Public Present:** Denise Tift

**Scribe:** Jolie Crescimano-Goss, DDS Executive Secretary

**Chairperson's Report:**

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.
- **Citizen Comment** – None presented.
- **Approval of minutes** – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the council voted to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2018, meeting.*
- **Field Activity Report** – None-summer break.

**DDS Administrative Updates:**

- Regional Director Daily provided an update on current DDS happenings and initiatives, including:
  - DDS in the news
  - DDS Step Down Emergency Unit
  - DDS Mobile Crisis Services
  - DDS Dashboard
  - CCH Development Initiative
  - PRAT Stats
  - Budget
  - Budget Options coming due to OPM
  - CTFSN Presentation to RACs
  - ICF Closure
  - PASSR (Additional information on this item will be distributed by Director Dailey's office via email following the meeting.)
  - Rent Subsidy

At the Council's request, Director Dailey will schedule two presentations for the Council's November meeting, one on the DDS Community Companion Home Program and the other on the DDS Rent subsidy Program.

**New Business:**

- **Officer Elections** – The following members were elected to the position of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary, respectively, for a term of one year:
  - Dave Cassano, Chairperson
  - Leslie Bridges-Parent, Vice Chairperson
  - Heidi Earle, Secretary
  
- **Membership** - The Council will be ramping up membership recruitment efforts in the coming months, as it will have two vacancies as of 10/1/18. The Regional Director's office will assist support this effort by distributing meeting and recruitment announcements region wide, forwarding the same to the CTFSN for distribution, and asking case managers to conduct outreach to individual families.

The Council thanks and acknowledges the great work of its outgoing members Jeff DePina, Chairperson, and Lauralyn Lewis, Vice Chairperson. Their commitment to serve consecutive membership and officer terms is commendable and very much appreciated.

**Next Meeting:** November 14, 2018, 6:00 PM, Action Library, Old Saybrook, CT

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Jolie Crescimano-Goss*

Jolie Crescimano-Goss

DDS South Region

Executive Secretary