

**DDS South Region
Regional Advisory and Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2018**

Members Present: Leslie Bridges-Parent, David Cassano, Jeffrey DePina, Lauralyn Lewis, Kathleen Stauffer, Susan Gardner and Thomas Dailey, DDS South Region Director

Public Present: Christina Tonurio, Mary Grace Eagle, Mike Eagle (all parents)

Scribe: David Cassano

Call to Order: called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

Citizen Comment: Member Lewis reviewed history of the RAC, Christina voiced concerns about Autism supports and lack of clarity on what is available. Also she requested help in determining who to contact. There was also discussion about the ongoing issue about state funding for the Southbury Fire Dept to support the DDS Southbury facility.

Approval of minutes: *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the council voted to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting.*

Chairman's Report

Creative Housing Workgroup Update: There was no update at this meeting, however member Lewis did provide background about the workgroup for the visitors. There was some discussion about the potential to hold housing café meetings in the future. Member Gardner shared her experiences setting up a creative residence solution for her son.

Field Activity Report: Member Lewis shared the plan for the next IDD caucus to be held on 2/21. This will be a family hearing day and all are encouraged to show up and be heard.

DDS Administrative Updates: Regional Director Daily provided an update on current DDS activities and initiatives.

- Case manager new hires
- DDS staff training
- Budget update
- Status of new graduate funding
- Limited additional funding available to CCH placements
- Electronic visit verification
- Community First Choice
- Family Grants

- Emergency placements
- Disability Rights Network
- Camp Harkness
- Norwich Dental Clinic

New Business: No new business was discussed

Next Meeting: March 21, 2018, 6:00 PM Action Library, Old Saybrook, CT

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by;

David Cassano

David Cassano, DDS South Region Advisory Council Secretary.

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