

**DDS South Region
Regional Advisory and Planning Council
Henry Carter Hull Library
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2019**

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

Public Present: Brian Spencer, Kim Wollschleager, Diane Martin, and April Dipollina

Scribe: Jolie Crescimano-Goss, DDS Executive Secretary

Chairperson's Report:

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM. All made introductions.
- **Citizen Comment** – By Kim Wollschleager, Carol Cooney, and Brian Spencer
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the January 2019 meeting.*
- **Field Activity Report** – Vice Chair Bridges-Parent reported. The 2019 legislative session is in full swing. Families First is closely monitoring the following proposed bills:
 - **SB372** AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES TO GUARDIANS OF ADULT CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY
 - **SB393** AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' LEVEL OF NEED ASSESSMENT

WaitList/MIR Data Report Presentation: Tammy Venenga, DDS Director of Strategic Service Development, updated the RAC on the DDS Waitlist and the DDS Management Information Report (MIR) as mandated by SB246. Handout distributed. Highlights included:

- Priority categories replaced by Urgent or Future Needs categories.
- DDS has a Waitlist and a Planning List now. The WaitList includes people identified as Emergencies (E's) and Urgent Needs. The Planning List includes people with no services or those that are under-served and will require services further out than one year.
- Individuals in the Urgent Need category are being considered for funding under several DDS funding initiatives, i.e. Elderly Caregiver, CCH.

The Regional Director's office will send Council members a link to the DDS MIR report on the DDS website following the meeting.

Regional Director's Updates: Regional Director Dailey provided updates on the following topics:

- Governor's Proposed Budget: Favorable to DDS
- DDS Funding Initiatives: Elderly Caregiver, CCH
- Crisis Aversion/Intervention Initiatives: Expanded Family Support Teams, DDS Step-down Unit, DDS Emergency Transitional Housing Homes (3)
- Understanding DDS Presentation: Roadshow update
- BSP: It's open
- DDS Respite Centers: Middletown Respite Center moving to 24/7 operations and a new DDS Respite Center to open in Putnam.
- NCI / QSR: DDS is exploring the possibility of replacing Quality Service Reviews (QSR) with the National Core Indicator (NCI) Survey
- FY19 Legislative Session: SB393 regarding the DDS LON, SB832 regarding the DDS Registry
- DDS Diabetes Data

Membership and Recruitment: The Council has two vacancies. Current members continue to work on recruiting new members.

Council Open Discussion: Discussion ensued on IQ tests, eligibility for DDS services (eligibility on deviation), psychology services at DDS, re-establishing case management services for children, and managed care activities happening in other states.

New Business: Dr. Dawne Recinos, Clinical Director in the SR of DDS, will be invited the Council's next meeting to discuss psychology services at DDS.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Next Meeting: May 15, 2019 / 6:00 PM / Location TBD