

**DDS South Region
Regional Advisory and Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2020
6:00 PM
(via Teleconference)**

Members Participating: Chair Leslie Bridges-Parent, Lynn Arezzini, Robin Brewer, David Cassano, Carol Cooney, Barbara Deindorfer, Kathleen Stauffer, and Thomas Dailey, DDS South Regional Director

Public Participation: None.

Scribe: Jolie Crescimano-Goss, DDS Executive Secretary

Chairperson's Report:

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

- **Citizen Comment** –
 - Appreciation of DDS' support during the COVID 19 pandemic noted.
 - Comments made about the 30-day ban on visitors at residential facilities that was issued by Commissioner Scheff on March 17, 2020, in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020, meeting.*

- **Field Activity Report** – RAC members attended appropriations hearings and family day at the LOB in support of increased funding for DDS, the private provider community and the DDS Wait List.

Regional Director's Updates: Director Dailey shared information on the department's activities as related to COVID 19. Discussion ensued.

New Business:

- The RAC agreed to hold a special meeting on April 15, 2020, at 6:00 PM via teleconference for the purpose of keeping abreast of DDS 'on-going response to the COVID 19 situation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Next Meeting: April 15, 2020 / 6:00 PM / Teleconference