

**DDS South Region
Regional Advisory and Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2020
6:00 PM
(via Teleconference)**

Members Participating: Chair Leslie Bridges-Parent, Lynn Arezzini, Robin Brewer, David Cassano, Carol Cooney, Barbara Deindorfer, Dawn DeMatteo, Heidi Earle, Kathryn Haaland, Erin McGuire, and Thomas Dailey, DDS South Regional Director

Public Participation: Jacob Earle

Scribe: Jolie Crescimano-Goss, DDS Executive Secretary

Chairperson's Report:

- **Call to Order** – Chair Bridges-Parent called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- **Opportunity for Public Comment** – Inquiry on recommended record retention standards.
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the August 2020 meeting.*
- **Field Activity Report** – None.

Regional Director's Updates: Director Dailey updated the Council on recent happenings at DDS as related to the pandemic, the anticipated closure of the DDS Public IHS Program, Upgrades to the Norwich Dental Clinic, and the status of DDS' budget as the first quarter of FY21 comes to a close.

Council Open Discussion Topics: Discussion ensued on how DDS providers are mitigating the effects of COVID in day and residential settings. Concerns raised about the ongoing moratorium on visiting loved ones who live in community living arrangements/group homes. Mr. Dailey noted that the decision to suspend visitations was not an easy one to make, but necessary for the health and safety of all.

New Business: Member Cassano was thanked for his years of service to the Council as both a member and past Chair.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Next Meeting: 10/21/2020 / 6:00 PM / Teleconference