

Region 3 Regional Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2017

In Attendance:

Allain, Tiffanie	Harrington, Colleen	Lussier, Jennifer
Banton, Kym	Hooker, Jinelle	Miller, Ann
Brenker, April	Howroyd, Josh	Moller, Regina
Calamari, Annie	Jacaruso, Jon	Parkinson, Kyle
DiMauro, Nancy	Kalisher, Allon	Russo, Robin
Gardner, Chris	Kelley, Pam	Sedlock-Reider, Lisa
Grivois, Lorna	Kolpak, Karalee	Stebbins, Christine
Halpin, Myke	Lacey, Chris	Taylor, Jillian
Hall, Gabrielle	LaFaille, Pamela	

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes

Motion made and seconded to accept the June 1, 2017 minutes with the correction of clarifying that Greater Middlesex not DCF has the 2 slots a month for SRT.

Results of Collaborative Survey

Jill discussed the web based survey that the Yale CONNECT Evaluation Team prepared. 40 agencies were invited to participate with the goal of continuing to enhance and strengthen the network.

The survey included a series of questions regarding the respondent's role in their organization and their agency's collaborations within the network. The survey asked respondents to identify the network agencies they collaborate with, the extent of their agency's interactions with these agencies, and to identify which agencies they would like to collaborate with more in the future. Agencies were asked to identify two respondents to complete the survey including an individual in a leadership position and an individual within the agency who is familiar with how the organization collaborates with partners to facilitate work with children and families.

Please see the Behavioral Health Network of Care Collaboration Report: Eastern Region for outcomes and further information.

Rick suggested presenting the survey results to the BHP Oversight Council.

There was discussion about creating a directory for families that lists resources and creating business cards that have website addresses for services. Rick suggested inviting 211 to come to the fall United

Way Council meeting to discuss improving the system and how we can help 211 improve. Jill will invite someone from 211 to come to a RAC meeting.

Further discussion ensured around use of social media to recruit foster families.

It was suggested utilizing tech schools to work on families cars to help with transportation issues.

FAB Updates and/Family Concerns

SEMSHSOC

Jill announced their 2nd annual Family Provider Fair on 06/23 from 3:00-6:00. Last year over 200 people attended. This will be held at Three Rivers Community College.

UCFS

Kym announced that the Community Network program is fully staffed. They are just completing the Circle of Security Parenting group.

Family Access Meetings

These are held the 4th Monday of every month at the East Hampton Library.

CONNECT

Jill announced that CONNECT is working with technical assistance consultations on cultural linguistics.

Regional FASU Recruitment

Pam said that they are working on their recruitment and retention plan, once final draft is complete Pam will come back and share with this group.

Service Review Team (SRT)

There are 2 slots a month provided by Greater Middlesex which give families that are not in a service delivery program collaboration and coordination.