

Region 3 Regional Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2019

In Attendance:

Banton, Kym	Jacaruso, Jon	Rein, Wendy
Brenker, April	Kalisher, Allon	Russo, Robin
Champlin, Rosie	Kyle, Lindsay	Sedlock-Reider, Lisa
DiMauro, Nancy	LaFaille, Pamela	Silva, Dave
DiPietro, Terri	Moller, Regina	Stebbins, Christine
Freimuth, Janet	Nadeau, Allyson	
Grivois, Lorna	Otto, Lisa	
Hinchey, Debercy	Parkinson, Kyle	

Welcome and Introductions

Review of September 20, 2018, October 11, 2018 and December 13, 2018 Minutes

Motion made and seconded to accept all three meeting minutes.

Updates

RAC/FAB

Lorna announced that at the next meeting they will be discussing public data from the Department of Education.

YAB

Christine announced that at their next meeting on 02/13/19 students from ECSU will speak to the group about being college students.

The group has been working on a “youth room” in the Willimantic office to make it more comfortable when a youth has to spend time in the office.

They are also working with FASU on a mentoring program to act as supports to younger kids coming into care.

DCF

Allon discussed the organizational assessment that the Department is beginning. The Commissioner is in the process of selecting her executive team.

SAC

They are working on restructuring their membership. They have invited Children's Committee member to attend their meetings as well as someone from OCA. They meet at the Court Monitor's office. They have invited the new Commissioner to their March meeting. There is a retreat planned for 06/20/19 to focus on the strategic plan.

Provider Exchange

The group found the exchange helpful. Jon will send the provider form to the group for those who want to complete describing their program. They can then be sent to Robin to share with the group.

Listening Forum

There was discussion around how people felt about this meeting, need to have youth at these forums. We need to develop relationships with schools to develop trust, there is still a stigma with being at a table with DCF. Jon mentioned his DCF 101 training that might be helpful for schools to be educated about exactly what the Department does.

Lisa Otto will assist in scheduling a forum with New London schools.

Racial Justice

Allon asked the group if they wanted to endorse the RAC continuing racial justice work. Motion made and seconded to use funds to support this work.