

Region 3 Regional Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2018

In Attendance:

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| Banton, Kym | Hooker, Jinelle | Rein, Wendy |
| Brenker, April | Jacaruso, Jon | Rose, Sean |
| Calamari, Annie | Kalisher, Allon | Russo, Robin |
| DiMauro, Nancy | Kyle, Lindsay | Sedlock-Reider, Lisa |
| DiPietro, Terri | Lemanski, Rebecca | Silva, Dave |
| Grivois, Lorna | Moller, Regina | Stebbins, Christine |
| Halpin, Myke | Parkinson, Kyle | Taylor, Jill |

Welcome and Introductions

Review of November 2, 2017 Minutes

Motion made and seconded to accept the March 2, 2018 minutes.

The Citizen Review Panel funds have not been received yet, Regina called FAVOR and they are willing to push the application through but someone needs to complete the application, Regina asked the group if we want a new fiduciary which is currently WCS. A motion was made and seconded to change the fiduciary to Noank. Regina will send a letter Monday.

Regina talked about today's meeting focusing on restructuring the RAC to achieve goals. There will be general conversation and then the group will break out into smaller groups to discuss what those goals should be and then the entire group will come back together for further discussion.

Regina reviewed the RAC functions and purpose.

Jill discussed keeping the every other month structure and include more family presence.

Regina asked the group how to recruit to get those that are missing to the table.

The smaller break out groups formed and came up with the following suggestions on what the RAC should focus on:

Group 1

Have a 2 hour meeting every month from 2:30-4:30, rotate locations maybe have them at schools, solicit youth and incentivize them. Also hold quarterly meetings. Have focused discussions around needs and tailor the meeting and agenda to the location where the meeting is being held. Still need time for information sharing

Group 2

In keeping with legislative goals make sure providers bring their issues they experience in the community to this table. Providers should have data supporting their issues. Reach out to specific

people on the issues being tackled, have action steps and follow up. Invite youth at a more convenient time. Have the agenda set for the next meeting at each meeting. Hold one meeting with just providers and not DCF staff and establish priorities for our region.

Group 3

Not necessary for a lot of work on the strategic plan. Use this group to identify specific problems, maybe have sub groups that would include professionals in the area. There should be accountability to get those professionals here, be clear about when something will get done and how it's going to get done. Geography issues. Current issues of truancy, medical marijuana home schooling and permanency.

Group 4

Have specific items to work on and an agenda that clearly identifies what we are discussing, solutions and next steps. Specific items are adjusted for FAB and YAB report outs feedback from and feedback to, follow-up and an accounting on action items. DCF can provide a challenge or opportunity at each meeting. Stay in boundaries of focused area. Stakeholder's can provide challenges and opportunities. There is a challenge to having youth at the table so may be a good idea to have RAC members attend the YAB and FAB meetings on a rotational basis. Host an annual summit to carve out time for providers to network. Discussed having meetings monthly and quarterly have a more inclusive meeting.

Sean brought up networking and being more cohesive to support each other and gain knowledge of what each provider does. Perhaps host a yearly summit. Maybe have description of what each provider

It was discussed to have less meetings that are more robust.

Meet In each catchment area 3 times a year with a focus on programs and 2 provider based meetings a year. If it doesn't work this can be revisited Janelle Hooker will look for a meeting location in New London, Collin will look into a location in Windham and Myke will look into a meeting spot in Middletown and report back by the end of next week. All will ask what times the locations would have available space.

Another RAC meeting will be held on June 7, 2018 at AHM.