

Region 4 Advisory Council Full Members Meeting

January 19, 2016
Hartford DCF Office
250 Hamilton Street
Hartford, CT

Members Present: Jo Allen, Deb Bastie, Sarah Becker, Alice Farrell, Hector Glynn, Diane Kearney (DCF), Beth Landolina (DCF), Nick Lebron, Donna Maitland-Ward (DCF), Alana Parkinson, Malika Robledo (DCF), Martha Stone, Linda Trigilio, Maritza Velez (DCF), Jeanette White (DCF), Beresford Wilson

Voting Members Absent: Jeremiah Ames, Sophia Brown, Tim Carroll, Carlene Davis, Bryan Flint, Bernetta Henry, Cory Jacobs, Giselle Jacobs, Lorna Little,

The DCF Region 4 RAC meeting was held at the Hartford DCF office from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. This meeting is for the full membership & DCF Staff.

Overview of Meeting

The overview of the meeting was to go over the Early Childhood policy & practice guide, Regional school choice update, SBAC data, and have a presentation by Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

Minutes review

- Motion to accept the November 2015 minutes made by Beresford Wilson
- 2nd by Alana Parkinson-all in favor

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

- Presentation given on Early Development Instrument (EDI)
- Testing being done Sept thru December
- Training parents in Community Café Model
- The model engages families to understand and use the data
- Goal is to teach parents to help their children do well
- Café training to start in Windsor and Manchester
- Alana will attend a Café in Manchester and bring info back to the RAC
- Family Resource Directory is used in the training
- Posters given to DCF to hang up in the office

School Choice Applications

- Region 4 has been doing this for 4 years now
- RSCO transportation zone also covers part of Region 3 & 6
- 39 children in Region 4 have applications in 89 cannot apply because of their age or program not meeting their needs
- Deadline has been extended until February
- 574 children are eligible, 141 of these children are placed in Hartford
- Transportation is an issue with many of these children
- Children not placed in Hartford cannot be transported
- Children in Region 4 that are 3 by December 1st = 48
- 44= Hartford and 4= Manchester
- Pre K, 6th grade and 9th grade are the only slots open
- Chris wants the number of children applying
- CJTS & Congregate Care children are counted in the 826 in the Region
- Where are their applications?
- CREC will help with an application party

SBAC data

- DCF children doing bad in math-Region 4 only 3% met or exceeded the level
- Reading 79.9% failed to meet achievement level
- 20.6% met or exceeded the level
- We are getting data from SDE and using it
- DCF is meeting with the surrogate parents to partner with us on the work

Early Childhood

- There is a new focus on early childhood
- Policy (45-1) handout given-definition and outline of the office responsibility
- Practice guide handout given –special act 14-22
- Preschool programs. target population, identify and enrollment process explained
- Waitlist, payment, Care for Kids and documentation
- Reminding staff to update education icon and put educational information in the case plan
- Birth to 3 services for children transitioning

Motion to adjourn by Sarah and 2nd by Alana Parkinson

The Region 4 RAC full membership meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Submitted by,
Terry Hall