

## Region 4 Advisory Council Full Members Meeting

September 20, 2016

Hartford DCF Office  
250 Hamilton Street  
Hartford, CT

Members Present: Sarah Becker, Tim Carroll, Rich Dean, Sherlie Henderson- Boob Alice Farrell, Wayne Johnson (DCF), Beth Landolina, Nick Lebron, Donna Maitland-Ward (DCF), Manny Maldonado, Evelyn Melendez Judi Orlando. Lisa Palazzo, Alana Parkinson, Malika Robledo, Kathy Schiessl, Martha Stone, Tammy Harris-Wilson, Benita Zoussaint, Erica Daley, Kelly Waterhouse, Asia Jones

Voting Members Absent: Deb Bastie, Bryan Flint, Hector Glynn, Giselle Jacobs, Diane Kearney, Lorna Little, Josie Robles, Joanne Tremblay-Jackson, Milagros Vega, Beresford Wilson

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 get an Education Sub-Committee update, Agencies update, program/initiatives for RAC and a SAC update.

Motion by Brenetta Henry to accept the minutes from the July meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Schiessl.  
Approved by RAC

### Educations Sub-Committee update

- Presentation in May/June regarding CIP at DCF that are underperforming
- Initial sub-committee meeting was held at Beacon Health
- Lisa Palazzo, Alice Farrell, Evelyn Mendez, Joanne Trembly-Jackson, and Greg Lawrence
- What reports would the committee like to see?
- Interested in seeing information on truancy and suspension
- Joanne can pull these reports for us
- Programs that are available-Joanne will reach out to her counterpart in Manchester
- Initiatives @ DPH around education, incorporating the YAB
- The committee plans to collaborate with the YAB on education

## Agency Updates

- Initiatives on trauma sensitive care→Bring this to the schools
- Connect Grant→what we see is the schools are unable to collaborate but North Central is working on this
- Schools are not at the table working on this with the agencies
- Can EMPS be of any help in this?
- Trained in Crisis Intervention and Trauma Training
- EMPS was in the schools 99 times last year
- 6 or 7 times for each 1000 children
- Alice met with Joanne on trauma in the schools-Hartford Public Schools are starting a social, emotional program
- They are trying to integrate it into the schools
- Village has a training grant-they are always looking for people to train
- RAC representative from the education committee to attend the Regions quarterly superintendent's meeting
- Alice is working with the schools to see what the teachers want the training on trauma? Emotion
- Martha would like to focus on 4 areas
  1. Pre-school-how many DCF children are enrolled
  2. Open Choice-how many DCF children are enrolled
  3. School success plans-does anyone look at these?
  4. DMC meeting-getting suspensions and expulsions
- Anyone who would like to join the education sub-committee see Alice after the meeting

## SOC update

- 4 Systems of Care→East of the River, North Central, Route 2 and West Hartford/Hartford
- RAC will provide a platform for the system of care to let us know what they are working on
- Route 2 needs Spanish speaking clinicians and social workers
- North Central has a brunch next week from 9-11:30 to give updates and present
- East of the River-Bill presentation in Vernon o3 Elm Street 9-11:00 at the Church on the Corner
- SOC used 7 letters of recommendation or support for their grant application
- 4 Support groups at West Hartford/Hartford-1 Spanish speaking, 1 grandparent support groups, 2 youth support groups
- For 3 years we have been giving stipends to families-we lost the funding
- Funding has been cut in all areas
- Trauma grant needed

- Agencies are having to really cut back services
- Manny will get a list of all SOC and dates of their meetings
- WRAP CT website has SOC information on it

### Agency Update

- East Hartford youth services programs listed on handout given
- Malika will present this flyer at management team
- Adventure Plus in East Hartford will pair a youth at risk with a police officer for team building
- CHR received funding for suicide prevention
- Working with police and Manchester Community College, Manchester hospital and the Manchester schools to identify youth 10-22 at risk for suicide
- Manchester police-REACT-calling EMPS when parents are getting arrested to try and reduce the trauma to the children
- We are training the police officers too
- Martha Stone-received a grant for housing/legal services for youth that have been incarcerated wanting to return to the public
- CONNECT Grant-collaboration with Yale to create a survey going out to agencies that have been selected to participate-Behavioral Health piece, school piece, pediatrician piece community conversation piece in the survey- will have the results in December
- DCF has a provider survey-how are the programs doing?
- ICAN conference on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 9-3:00 and it's free
- Hartford Public Library has a program to help people become citizen

### Program/Initiatives for RAC

- Ask the CQI teams if there is anything they need from the RAC
- Does CQI teams have anything new to bring to the RAC
- Permanency CQI asking for members form the RAC

### SAC

- Try to get the funding earlier
- Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is the SAC retreat in Middletown
- Chris would like 5 RAC members to attend including parents and youth
- Brenetta Henry, Erica Davy, Rich Dean and maybe a youth from YAB are interested
- SAC funding –did we apply in time?-Wayne will check with Deb to make sure

Motion to adjourn by Brenetta Henry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Parkinson.  
The Region 4 RAC full membership meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM

Submitted by,  
Terry Hall