

Region 3 Regional Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2016

In Attendance:

Banton, Kym
Brenker, April
Calvert, Rick
DiMauro, Nancy
Gardner, Chris
Garofalo, Skye
Grivois, Lorna

Halpin, Myke
Jacaruso, Jon
Kalisher, Allon
Parkinson, Kyle
Rein, Wendy
Reyes, Loida
Rose, Sean

Rice, Eric
Stebbins, Christine
Taylor, Jillian
Verano, Katherine
Westcott, Cara

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes

Motion made and seconded to accept the June 2, 2016 minutes with the change under the FAB announcement that the woman that presented is a former foster child not a foster mom.

SAC Update

The SAC Retreat usually held in September will be pushed to November, more information will be coming. All RAC's will have representation at the retreat.

The SAC is looking at changing statutes on membership. Looking at various meetings that take place to try to reduce duplicative meetings.

RAC/FAB Update

Lorna explained NOC AOT which is a training she recently completed. This is from the CONNECT grant and trains parents on understanding the system and how to be a system partner.

In September FAVOR will come to do persuasive story telling training. RAC/FAB parents will be trained on how to briefly tell their story.

The next RAC/FAB meeting will be 11:30-1:30 September 12, 2016 at Abundant Life Church, the next joint RAC meeting will be held on November 12th, 2016 (an invite will be sent out), the next RAC meeting is January 5, 2017.

System Table Communication Form – Review and Discussion (Lorna)

Lorna described this communication process to provide information to the SAC and shared the two newly submitted forms submitted from Southeast Mental Health System of Care and CRC FAB.

Nancy discussed lack of services and parents being told to refuse to take their children home from hospitals in order to get services. Lorna discussed the parent perspective when preparing for a child to come home from hospitalization.

Sean discussed low reimbursement rates that impede providers being able to provide services.

Kym discussed issues with length of services and asked if this was a conversation that parents were having.

Jon announced the underutilization of SFIT and Nancy talked about the obstacle of rigid eligibility criteria of children needing to be 12 and older in order to utilize respite services under SFIT. Jon offered that any questions regarding SFIT can be brought to Bob Paolino at Waterford Country School.

Eligibility for voluntary services was discussed, Careline makes an initial assessment and then the region makes their assessment.

Jon discussed a Communities of Practice group that he chairs that will look at current services and what is lacking.

Nancy announced that if a voluntary case or CPS case opens with DCF, any current DDS services immediately close.

Nancy spoke about advocates sometimes not having correct information.

Focus on Emergency Department in Region 3 – Focus System Table – Update

Lorna said that Sam has been meeting with ED providers from Region 3 to discuss over usage of ED's.

RAC Updates on Racial Justice, DMHAS YAS Presentations, DCF Strategic Planning and Racial Justice (Allon)

Allon spoke about the Region 3 Strategic Plan which is updated quarterly and strategies are adjusted accordingly. They recently presented their updates to the plan to the Commissioner's executive team.

Due to increased staffing Allon indicated that caseloads have gone down.

The region is engaging with the community and having conversations about racial justice.

Wendy Rein announced a free clinic with a team of immigration attorneys at UCFS for people to utilize for immigration issues. Robin will send out the flier which includes details.