

**Region 3 Regional Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday September 4, 2014

**In Attendance:**

Asinas, Michael	Gardner, Chris	Patota, Michael
Banton, Kym	Gentes, Nancy	Pinette, Marie
Bendall, Janice	Goodman, Jessica	Rein, Wendy
Bonsall, Missy	Grant, Donna	Reyes, Loida
Brenker, April	Greenberg, Izzi	Rose, Sean
Carbonella, Justin	Grivois, Lorna	Sedlock-Reider, Lisa
Coffin, Jocelyn	Jacaruso, Jon	Shulman, Liz
Dimauro, Nancy	Jones, Alana	Stebbins, Christine
DiPietro, Terri	Kalisher, Alon	Wigglesworth, Jeanine
Eastman, Leslie	Nabers, Lance	
Forbes, Samantha	Parkinson, Kyle	

**Welcome and introductions**

**Lorna Grivois**

**Review of minutes:**

Motions made to accept last the minutes from the 07/10/14 meeting.

**Chair Report**

**Donna Grant**

**Gas Card Update**

There is funding through the SAC for stipends for those wanting to attend the RAC, RAC FAB, SOC and the AAC meetings. The stipend is \$40.00 for every three meetings that someone attends as a family member. Some money will be set aside for child care. Gas cards will be purchased.

**SAC Update**

The SAC retreat is scheduled for a week from this Friday. Leadership from each RAC is invited. There is a special agenda around collective impact and collaborative construction and support. There is room for 3 more people, if anyone would like to attend let Donna Grant know by close of business today.

**DCF Update**

**Allon Kalisher**

Allon briefly reviewed the dashboard.

April briefly reviewed the CR-CFTM RBA.

**Pa 13-178**

By early afternoon tomorrow there will be a plan posted to children.org. Anyone can add comments about this draft up until 9/12/14.

The group will receive info from robin on HRSA funding.

**RFP's**

The JRB RFP is back up. Applications are due by 9/8/14 and the orientation starts 9/10/14 and 9/11/14, there are around 25 applicants.

There is a current RFP for credentialed transportation.

**JJ Reform**

The Department is undertaking juvenile justice reform initiatives.

**Presentation on the Middlesex Coalition for Children**      **Izzi Greenberg**

The Middlesex Coalition for Children's mission is to improve the lives of children growing up in Middletown and Middlesex County. The Coalition holds public meetings monthly on issues important to children. It convenes task forces to mobilize and coordinate community efforts to address specific children's issues, and advocates for children at the local, state and national levels.

This year the Coalition took on the task of developing a social media presence. They developed a logo and brand identity, a website [middlesexchildren.org](http://middlesexchildren.org), facebook page [facebook.com/Middlesexchildren](https://www.facebook.com/Middlesexchildren) and twitter page [twitter.com/mxchildren](https://twitter.com/mxchildren).

**Community Transition Program**                      **Wendy Rein, Kym Banton and Leslie Eastman**

Wendy Rein, Kym Banton and Leslie Eastman presented on the Community Transition Program that is unique to DCF Region 3. The focus is to work with families who have children transitioning back home from congregated care. Most children have now done so due to the Commissioner's focus these last few years. That said, the CTP team introduced the idea to change their focus to be more preventative. More discussions will take place. Lorna has asked Wendy to present this program and idea to the RAC FAB.

**Systems of Care – NEAC, SEMHSOC, Middletown SOC's**

**Greater Middletown**

No update provided.

**SEMSOC**

No update provided.

**NE SOC – Communities Raising Children**

No update provided.

**LISTS / JRBs**

No update provided.

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**\*\*Next RAC Meeting November 6, 2014 at AHM Youth Services.**