State Advisory Council Minutes
Monday, November 5th, 2018

Members in attendance: Elisabeth Cannata (via conference call), Regina Moller, Sarah Lockery, Myke Halpin, Deb Kelleher, Suprena Shuler,

Also in Attendance: Susan Smith, Cindy Butterfield & Elizabeth Duryea

Welcome & Introductions   *Elisabeth Cannata*

All in attendance introduced themselves.

DCF Budget Overview   *Cindy Butterfield*

- November 14th Deficit Hearing
- Governor forwards budget to Legislation
- Budget get voted in May by end of session, if approved new budget July 1st
- Budget Options for fall submitted September/October

DCF Legislative Overview   *Elizabeth Duryea*

- Overview Legislated Process package due October 1st
  - – waiting on what will be approved to submit as a proposal
    - Workers Safety
    - Foster Care for employees who are foster parents
    - EPI Pens @ Wilderness School
- Likely Proposals
  - Oversite Council Bill
  - Independent Ombudsman Bill
- Invite Olga Coleman-Williams, DCF Revenue Director, to attend future a SAC and speak about Family First Prevention Act
- November 16th National Adoption Day:
- Movie debuting on November 16th on National Adoption Day
  - "Instant Family" – debuting on November 16th
    - *When Pete and Ellie decide to start a family, they stumble into the world of foster care adoption. They hope to take in one small child, but when they meet three siblings, including a rebellious 15-year-old girl, they find themselves speeding from zero to three kids overnight. Now, Pete and Ellie must try to learn the ropes of instant parenthood in the hope of becoming a family*
- YAB Foster Care Recruitment Video
  - *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vw7PlkyFmA&list=PLp-nvy7cCVxGwTHv_WGjqbf178RL7t4-C*
- Find different ways of becoming involved in foster care!

DCF Racial Justice Summit Debrief

- Attendees indicated that the meeting was energizing and Dr. Hardy was amazing
- RJ as SAC focus for coming year
- RAC member give feedback about Social Justice

Next meeting December 3rd, 2019

Meeting adjourned 12:25pm
Minutes approved 1/7/19