

DDS STATEWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Location: Middlesex West Area Office

Date: April 8, 2016

Attendance

DDS Commissioner Elin Howe, Christine Shane (Chair), Lisa Ching, Judi Rodger, Pat Pakos, Sue Barber, and Victor Hernandez (DDS)

Also in attendance: Dianne Glennon, Randi Sargent, Jim Lane, and Peter Jeneck

Agenda Items

1. Chair called meeting to order 9: 37am
2. Feb 15, 2016 SAC meeting minutes approved.
3. Chair initiated introductions of members and attendees.
4. New SAC member Sue Barber and guests participated in a review of their children's clinical needs and ways the Department addresses them. They also reviewed the challenges facing the Department and community in the diversity of clinical needs populating the caseloads of the area offices.
5. Commissioner Elin Howe reviewed the Department's initiatives in addressing: Autism, social isolation, aging, clinical supports and the provider's challenge in addressing the quality of the direct care staff. The Commissioner also reviewed the "Creating our Commonwealth" initiative and the recent budget introduced by the Governor.
6. Chair suggested the need for a May/1 meeting dedicated to reviewing the SAC By-Laws, date/location to be determined.
7. Chair adjourned meeting at 11:24am

Action Items (All Complete)

- 1) Forward following to SAC:
 - Date/Location of May meeting