

# DDS STATEWIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

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**Location:** Central Middlesex Area Office

**Date:** May 20, 2016

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### Attendance

DDS Commissioner Elin Howe, Christine Shane (Chair), Lisa Ching, Sue Loring, Pat Campbell, Sue Barber, Maital Levy and Victor Hernandez (DDS)

Also in attendance: Dianne Glennon, Randi Sargent, Kate Martin (CAB), Cathe Carpenter, Barbara Cutler (CAB) and Kevin McDonough (NECM)

### Agenda Items

1. Chair called meeting to order 9: 31am
2. Apr 8, 2016 SAC meeting minutes approved.
3. Chair initiated introductions of members and attendees.
4. Commissioner Elin Howe reviewed the Department's initiatives in addressing: Autism, aging and finding appropriate clinical supports. The Commissioner also provided an update on the FY17 budget.
5. Kevin McDonough (Acting Area Director) provided a review of the Central Middlesex demographics and current challenges facing the area (e.g. turning 22, residential needs, implementing shared living and meeting the diverse needs of those with autism.). He provided a staffing update along with the upcoming move to Acton.
6. Members of the local CAB provided a review of CAB concerns and DDS initiatives. Concerns included limited funding and program options for those with autism, loss of service consistency for those exiting school into adult services and lack of housing options for those not prioritized for residential supports.
7. Chair adjourned meeting at 11:37am

### Action Items (All Complete)

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