

# **RHODE ISLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL**

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 14, 2005**

**Chelo's Restaurant**

**Present: Chris Singleton, Kathleen Leonard, Bill Feole, Claudia Lowe, Katie Lowe, Liz Cummiskey, Alton Stuckey, Frank Beazley, Kathleen Samways, Bob Marshall, Mary Okero, Marie Citrone, John Young, Pat Ryherd, Anne Rule, Charlie Zawacki, Mark Susa, Millie Feeney, Megan Reynolds, Renee Doran, John Susa, Helen Sebesta, Ina Woolman.**

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Chris Singleton welcomed members and everyone introduced themselves. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2005 meeting, seconded by Kathleen Leonard, and the motion was carried.**

### **II. JOHN YOUNG – MEDICAID DIRECTOR**

**John Young introduced himself, and handouts were made available on his presentation, the Rhode Island Medicaid Program, "Where Have We Been, Where Are We Going?" (See handout attached). He**

reminded people about the upcoming conference - Community Options for All to be held on September 26th at the Inn at the Crossings.

### **III. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Members reviewed the goals and objectives put forth. Pat asked about the service learning program (project in schools).

Kathy Leonard asked if an Executive Committee goal should be added - Provide assistance, as required, to Council members to facilitate full participation and informed decision making in all business that comes before the Council and its committees. Make available to any Council Member who requests it a paid professional to assist in review of agendas, documents, materials, etc. prior to Council meetings, committee meetings, retreats and workshops to enable the council member to more fully participate and make informed decisions. Kathy moved and the motion was carried. The goals and objectives were accepted as written with the above addition. (See attached)

### **IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A. Kathy spoke enthusiastically of Sue Swenson, who will present at

**the Annual Meeting, and urged all Council members to attend.**

**B. Marie indicated that we have renewed our lease at 400 Bald Hill Road, for a period of five years.**

**C. Charlie Zawacki will represent the Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council at the Alliance for Full Participation summit on September 22nd and 23rd.**

**D. Hurricane Katrina as it relates to the disability world was discussed.**

**E. Alton Stuckey announced that he has a job at Training Thru Placement.**

**F. Kathleen Samways will be on cable television promoting Healthy Lifestyles.**

**G. Frank Beazley indicated that Zambarano will be 100 years old this November, and that Wayne Miller is writing a story about it. Frank and others are being interviewed for the story for The Providence Journal.**

**H. Mark Susa recently moved in to his own apartment.**

**There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 6:40 P.M., seconded by Frank Beazley, and the motion was carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mary Okero**