

**Southeastern Connecticut  
Regional Human Services Coordinating Council**

*A steering committee of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments*

**Friday, April 21, 2017**

**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM**

**Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments**

5 Connecticut Avenue, Norwich, CT

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Kathleen Stauffer, The ARC New London County; Deborah Monahan, TVCCA; Cathy Zall, New London Homeless Hospitality Center; Connie Hilbert, Mohegan Tribe; David Burnett, Reliance Health; Jack Malone, SCADD; Jeanne Millstein, City of New London; Jennifer Granger, UCFS; Kati Mapa, Eastern Regional Mental Health Board; Mary A. DeMarco, Town of Windham; Rick Calvert, Child and Family Agency; Virginia Sampietro, EWIB; Dina Kelly, DCF; Laurel Holmes, L&M Healthcare; Juanita Estrada, CT DPH; Michael Keleher, State of CT Judicial Branch; Stephenie Guess, DMHAS/SMHA; Tomest Maskell, CT Department of Correction; Amanda Kennedy, SCCOG

1. Call to Order – *Deb Monahan/Kathleen Stauffer*
2. Welcome and Introductions – *Deb Monahan/Kathleen Stauffer*
3. Southeastern CT Economic Recovery Task Force – *Kathleen Stauffer*

Markers and baseline numbers have been developed to establish a tracking procedure to monitor economic recovery for Southeastern Connecticut. Among these are the standards: Unemployment, job growth, housing prices, etc. Making the study unique and useful to the health and human services industry are the additions of human wellness markers such as: job satisfaction, livable wage jobs creation (up and out of ALICE), etc. Following creation of a Power Point, the full report and markers will be presented to the media in a series of editorial board meetings.

4. Shared Services Study – *Amanda Kennedy*

MS. Kennedy briefed the group again on the scope of the Human Services Shared Services study that SCCOG received state RPIP funding to conduct. Members in attendance encouraged the study to make use of available information compiled by United Way (211), and to be realistic about the process for potential mergers—they take time and money to implement.

5. State Funding Environment - *Deb Monahan/Kathleen Stauffer*

Ms. Monahan briefed members on the current state of budget negotiations. The focus at the moment is on increasing revenue through changes to state sales tax.

6. New Business

None.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10 AM.