

## Families Together in the Adirondack Chapter Meeting

January 19, 2010

Attendance: Brenda Sherman, Christina Mitchell, Linda Snow-Perry, Jennifer Brown, Buffy Marcil

### Discussion:

1. Legislative Luncheon on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. At this point, the following people are planning

on attending: Jennifer Brown, Barb Ward, Christina Nauman, Amber Burroughs, and a parent from

FIT. There are other parents that are interested in attending but have not given a definite answer.

FSS for Families First will follow up with these families.

2. Policy Agenda Review will be held on February 8, 2010. Linda Snow-Perry and Jennifer Brown will be

attending from Families First, and Erica Leonard will be attending from BHSN.

3. Linda Snow-Perry has been in contact with Sue Lewis, OMH/Families Together in NYS, regarding

financial assistance for renting a 15 passenger van to rent for travel to Albany for the Legislative Luncheon. There has been no confirmation to this yet. Linda also spoke to Priceless Rent a Car (Plattsburgh). The request would be for February 8-9th, with a deposit of \$150.00, a rate for \$129.99. There would be 100 miles free and 39 cents for each additional mile.

4. Jennifer Brown suggested that next year that we collaborate with Mental Health Association. They

have a fleet of vehicles that we may be able to use for transportation.

5. Discussed the Families Together in NYS Conference call last week. There will be talking points Thursday or Friday of this week. Families can prepare for what they will discuss with their legislators/assembly people.

6. We are in the process of scheduling time to meet with Assemblywoman Theresa Sayward and

Senator Betty Little.

Next meeting: All those that attended today will try to bring another person with them to help build

the group. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 from 9-10 am. If you are

unable to attend the meeting in person, you may phone in via a toll free conference call, 1-800-704-

9804 conf ID# 647344. **This is a new conference call number. Please do not call the old number.**

1. Dial the toll free number

2. Enter your conference ID # and press (#)

At this meeting we will review how the Legislative Luncheon went, and how to improve parent participation for Families Together in the Adirondacks.

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**Brenda Sherman**