

FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA

Mary Smith, Chairperson

November 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Embassy Suites, Orlando Airport

Members Present:

Mary Smith, FCCF Chair, FCC4
Patty Houghland, FCCF Vice Chair, FCC1
Pauline Lipps, FCCF Past Chair, SC East
Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary, FCC15
Betsy Hill, FCC3
Paula James, Suncoast West
Dan Bayley, FCC7
Patricia Oglesby, FCC8
Martha Stuart, FCC9
Gilda Pacheco, FCC10
Sandy Ames, FCC11
Karen Huscher, FCC13
Laura Tacinelli, FCC14
Tony Mancuso, FCC15

APD FCCF Liaison: Stephanie Rogers

Guest Speakers:

Margaret Hooper, FDDC Public Policy Director
Denise Arnold, APD Deputy Director of Programs

Guests:

Tangia Smikle, FCC7
Patty Bell Kennealy, FCC9
Jeanette Hand, FCC10
Lisa Lupi, FCC15
Diane Ciccarella, FCC15
Debbie Extein, FCC7
Cynthia Dyer, Suncoast West
Clarence Lewis, APD Central Region ROM
Howard Fetes, FCC7
Robert Sarra, FCC7
Maryann Sarra, FCC7
Robert Redding, DCF Area 13
Suzanne Lane, FND and FCC15
Susan Anderson Moore, FCC7

Robert Brown, APD Legislative Affairs Director
Stephanie Rogers, APD FCCF Liaison

Meeting called to order at 8:33 a.m.

COUNCIL ACTION / COMMITTEE ACTIVITY:

Moved by Gilda Pacheco and seconded by Karen Huscher to approve the minutes of September 17, 2016 with amendments to include the addition of attendee Manyone Champavannarath and spelling of the Milliman study. Motion passed.

The budget report was submitted by Mary Ellen Ottman electronically and stated that as of November 8, \$4,656.24 has been expended of the Council's \$15,000 original funding. **The report was received as presented to the Council.**

The Chair identified the January 20, 2017 Family Centered Care Options meeting committee as Karen Huscher and Mary Smith. The panel discussion will be held from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. and include Barbara Palmer, Director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Michael Carroll, Secretary of the Department of Children and Families and Justin M. Senior, Interim Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration. Registration to attend will be on the FCCF website and flyers distributed by FCCF members. Questions for the panel must be received by Karen Huscher by December 27, 2016.

Moved by Patty Houghland and seconded by Karen Huscher to pay for two FCCF members to attend the 2017 Developmental Disability Day events in Tallahassee. Motion passed.

Moved by Karen Huscher and seconded by Gilda Pacheco to include the FCCF logo on the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council waiting list flyer. Motion passed.

Pauline Lipps, Chair of the Legislative committee offered the legislative platform and talking points. Ruth Wingate, Chair of the 2015-16 Accomplishments committee offered the final accomplishments document. **Reports were received as presented to the Council.**

Handouts: 2017 Legislative Platform/Talking Points and FCCF 2015-2016 Accomplishments Summary.

SPEAKERS:

Margaret Hooper, Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Public Policy Director, www.fddc.org

- Presented a PowerPoint, available at the FDDC website on provider rate crisis and distributed brochures on the rate crisis. These brochures bear logos from organizations supporting provider rate increases. Chair Smith will email the powerpoint and brochure to members.
Handout: Developmental Disability Provider Rate Crisis Brochure
- Additionally, moving individuals off the waiting list, transportation, reinstating the statewide advocacy Councils and the request for recurring funds to comply with the Department of Labor minimum wage and overtime requirements are also included in their legislative platform.
Handout: Expanded information on FDDC legislative issues for 2017 legislative session
- Distributed the "Florida's DDWAITlist Campaign printout from the website created through a partnership with the Florida Center for Inclusive Communities at the University of South Florida. Stories are encouraged.
Handout: "Together, we can impact lives".
- 2017 Developmental Disability Day will include an exhibit day on March 21, and a rally day on March 23. On March 22, Partners in Policymaking grads will meet, Florida SANDS will discuss their project and groups like Disability Rights Florida and FAAST will hold board meetings. A legislative update Q&A may also be held for groups participating all three days. There may be two press conferences during the event. FCCF will have an exhibit table on the 21st and can reinstall it on the Plaza level.

Robert Brown, APD Legislative Affairs Director, (850) 414-5853

- Legislative proposals and the member sponsorship process is still being reviewed. Information will be forthcoming to the Council when available.
- Legislative Budget Request is available on APDs website.
- Appropriations and Health and Human Services committees have yet to be announced..
- Contact tree with FCC is fluid because of legislative turnover, will be passed on by Stephanie as available.
- Begin a relationship with legislators through their staff, who control the member's calendar, know how to file bills and get meetings with the Speaker of the House. Become familiar with them prior to session, so aides can meet you with time to hear your issues.

Denise Arnold, APD Deputy Director of Programs

- Reviewed iBudget and algorithm information.
- Encouraged review by families to verify that both support coordinator and QSI information is accurate. APD will revisit if identified inaccurate.
- APD staff trained and certified annually to perform QSI assessments. The QSI assessment went through reliability, validity and content testing.
- Support coordinator has access to QSI full report, and can provide the family a synopsis report.

Handout: iBudget Information, Waitlist to Waiver Update

Stephanie Rogers, APD FCCF Liaison -- (850) 491-0353

- Will be relocating to Ft. Myers, Florida, retaining FCCF Liaison position, travelling to local councils, developing the online Florida Navigator for Florida services, and managing the Resource Directory/calendar.
- Distributed "Open Government" document. Identified FCCF as a Gubernatorial board, meaning a state government board, and is required to follow Florida Sunshine Law. Members can contact with questions.

COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORTS:

- Pauline Lipps attended the Delmarva Quality Council meeting. TRAIN was the subject of questions by providers and families. Delayed registration for new participants. Denise Arnold presented on the new

iBudget algorithm. The Council will meet twice in Tallahassee and once in Orlando. Dates are 3/22/17, 7/13/17 and 10/12/17. AHCA moving ahead with transition plan, to be completed by March, 2019. Three workgroups were created: Health Providers Understand and Implement Social Roles, Recruitment of Behavior Analysts across the State and Ideas to Keep Supported Living as a Financial, Viable Option for People. She will participate in the Social Roles group and Patty Houghland will attend Supported Living.

- She noted the Consortium meeting will be held on January 30, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. sponsored by the Developmental Disabilities Council. Members share their legislative platforms.
- Patty Houghland attended the wait list meeting with Disability Rights Florida and FCCF. They discussed support groups and outreach to individuals on the waitlist. Area 13 accesses waitlist and waiver family contact information emails through meeting or forum sign-in sheets. Then they request their Area liaison to send emails on behalf of the Area Council. Suncoast West creates a newsletter for waitlist families and Area 8 sends invitation cards to waitlist families.
- Paula James of Suncoast West attended the ROOF, APSE Conference, which combined housing and employment issues. 10% of newly developed housing is set aside for disabled, but waitlist is exhaustive, because it includes Veterans, mental health/substance abuse clients and elderly besides APDs clients.
- Mary Smith attended the DCF training in Tallahassee regarding foster families. Array of services they provide is substantial. The two types of therapeutic foster homes in DCF only address mental health or medical models, both receive additional funding to provide more specialized care.

FCC AREA UPDATES

- Area 13 Forum on December 3 from 9 to 4 at Wildwood Community Center, with presenters on Faith and Action, Law Enforcement from Citrus County and ABLE Accounts. Lunch and water provided.
- Chair of Suncoast Region developing a plan to take individuals and their families to training classes with law enforcement and first responders. Will share the plan with other Councils. Donna Lorman from Autism Speaks and Autism Society of Orlando also travels throughout the state doing this type of training.
- Area 3 is addressing the Jacksonville initiatives. Florida Special Needs Dentistry Group in Clermont, provides general anesthesia, oral surgery, pediatric restorative care and periodontal work, travelling four weekends a year. Serves individuals who need sedation for dental care and are Medicaid Waiver providers. 352-242-0627 or 352-242-0149 and at info@specialneedsdentistry.com, contact Ruthie.
- In Area 7 a member would like to assist in addressing the dental shortage for individuals with disabilities.
- Area 11 held two ABLE conferences in July with 60 attendees per session. Conference in 1st week in December to discuss disabilities in the community. Members will have a booth and assist with planning.
- Area 8 working on 2017 provider fair. In December will participate with PODS Angels for special needs Christmas party.
- Area 15 participated in the Buddy Walk in October. He attended the Indian River County ESE meeting. In January, they're sending two representatives to SUFI conference in Orlando, and two representatives to CARD conference. Working with Stephanie on communication through FCCF website. Also purchased aircard for meeting participation, and potentially for family training in the future. All Council members volunteered for either Legislative, Public Relations or Logistics committees.
- Area 13, Robert Redding of DCF noted that multiple trainings are provided by Karen Huscher to DCF staff.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.,

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary

**Guest Panel Discussion -- January 20, 1 p.m. - 2:30, FCCF Friday meeting follows
Saturday FCCF Meeting -- January 21, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

