

FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA
Mary Smith, Chairperson
May 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Embassy Suites, Orlando Airport

Members:

Mary Smith, FCCF Chair, FCC4
Patty Houghland, FCCF Vice Chair, FCC1
Pauline Lipps, FCCF Past Chair, Suncoast East
Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary
Mary Ellen Ottman, FCCF Treasurer, FCC12
Paula James, Suncoast West
Dan Bayley, FCC7
Patricia Oglesby, FCC8
Marty Norris, FCC10
Sandy Ames, FCC11
Karen Huscher, FCC13
Lisa Miller, FCC14 – by phone
Tony Mancuso, FCC15

Guests:

Suzanne Lane
Diane Ciccarelli
Susan A. Moore
Howard Fetes
Robert Redding
Margie Garlin

FCCF APD Liaison:

Stephanie Rogers

Speakers:

Denise Arnold, Deputy Director
of Programs, APD
Aaron Nangle,
supportcoordinators.com

Meeting called to order at 8:48 a.m.

COUNCIL ACTION / COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Moved by Patty Houghland, seconded by Paula James to approve the March 17, 2017 FCCF minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Moved by Mary Ellen Ottman, seconded by Sandy Ames to approve the March 18, 2017 FCCF minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Moved by Pauline Lipps, seconded by Sandy Ames to approve the April 26, 2017 FCCF 2017 CAFÉ committee minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Moved by Patricia Oglesby, seconded by Mary Ellen Ottman to approve the May 1, 2017 FCCF 2017 CAFÉ committee minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Moved by Sandy Ames, seconded by Paula James to approve the May 15, 2017 FCCF 2017 CAFÉ committee minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Moved by Mary Ellen Ottman, seconded by Sandy Ames to continue meeting in the Orlando area. Motion passed.

Moved by Paula James, seconded by Karen Huscher to approve a 2-year contract with the Embassy Suites, Orlando Airport with a negotiated rate of \$115 per room with free parking, happy hour, breakfast, wi-fi, coffee and use of the smaller conference room. Motion passed.

Moved by Mary Ellen Ottman, seconded by Sandy Ames to spend up to \$250.00 to print information cards to use at CAFÉ and future Council use. Motion passed.

Moved by Mary Ellen Ottman, seconded by Sandy Ames to approve up to \$2,000 for Mary Smith to travel to Houston, Texas on June 5-7, 2017 for the “Dementia Capable Care of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities & Dementia” conference. Motion passed.

Karen Huscher read the nominating committee’s proposed slate and opened the floor for nominations. Hearing none, Sandy Ames moved and Patricia Oglesby seconded closing nominations from the floor. Motion passed. Moved by Marty Norris, seconded by Paula James to elect the slate of Executive Board officers as presented by the nominating committee for the 2017-18 FCCF fiscal year. Motion passed.

Treasurer Mary Ellen Ottman reported \$3,496.68 remains of the initial \$15,000 FCCF budget, prior to the encumbered printing and Council travel. The treasurer then reviewed the proposed 2017-18 FCCF spending plan.

Moved by Paula James, seconded by Karen Huscher to approve the 2017-2018 FCCF spending plan. Motion passed.

The FCCF Bylaws committee is chaired by Karen Huscher and includes Sandy Ames and Mary Smith. Initial meeting is Wednesday, June 21, 7 p.m. by phone with call-in number 1-888-670-3525 and participant code 9904940247.

2017 CAFÉ Presentation Committee Chairperson Mary Ellen Ottman reported on current planning for the FCCF workshop. Members will be informed of the time and date of the next phone meeting prior to CAFÉ by Mary Ellen Ottman through email.

SPEAKERS:

Aaron Nangle, supportcoordinators.com

- Distributed materials and discussed the Empower Florida event on June 9-10 in Miami. Requested representatives from FCCF to present an Advocacy workshop and Legislative. Sandy Ames and Gilda Pacheco volunteered for the Advocacy timeslot at this event
- Primary issues remain provider pay and wait list.
- Coordinator training remains a challenge, material over 10 years old, with only one trainer currently available in Florida for support coordinators. He will send research and suggestions to Gilda Pacheco to incorporate into her Support Coordinator committee
- A career path for providers was suggested to encourage workforce stability and staff quality improvement.
- A public information request was made asking to identify the total administrative costs for CDC+, how the 8% required for participation to ensure fiscal neutrality is being spent and who is analyzing to determine if the 8% is still needed? Denise Arnold acknowledged the request, and will inform APD legal department what has been requested and who to reply to. The requestor will share this information with FCCF.

Denise Arnold, Deputy Director of Programs, APD

- Reviewed APD's appropriations as passed by legislature, pending Governor's signature \$3.7 million for waiver enrollment, \$750,000 for employment enhancement, \$3.4 million for nursing services rate increase, \$1.0 million to implement Enhanced Intensive Behavior (EIB) residential settings, \$11.6 million for rate increases for personal supports, residential habilitation, adult day training and supported employment, 24 additional region positions to serve APD clients and \$2.0 million to continue implementation of iConnect System, anticipated available in Fall, 2018. Rate increases are non-recurring.
- APD discussed with AHCA that individual, narrow changes this time and in the future for the iBudget Handbook can be made rather than an entire review/revision.
- Approximately 150 individuals from Carlton Palms and community members requiring EIB will be supported through this funding, subject to APD state office service approval.
- Discussed and distributed materials related to the Foster Care Project collaboration with DCF, APD and the Council. Regional Operating Managers were asked by Barbara Palmer to attend FCC monthly meetings, along with local Community Based Care entities. Councils agree to be available as peer support for foster families to answer questions and research/identify resources as needed. A foster family/adoptive family support group was suggested as a resource component. Robert Redding suggested that FCC speak during a scheduled module of foster care training.
- The TRAIN on-line training modules have had 47,000 users since implementation.
- Mary Smith noted that only 25% of individuals with developmental disabilities apply for the waiver. Denise noted that the State is only aware of 53,000 individuals out of a possible 250,000.
- Barbara Palmer of APD will be chairing a transportation study due on 12/15/17. Mary Ellen Ottman volunteered to participate in this project.
- APD is transitioning about 300-400 children from the Waiver to the Medicaid State Plan for Behavioral Services. Beacon provides the prior service authorizations.
- APD is working with CMS on rules to change 6 month authorizations for personal care to once a year.
- A standardized Waiver Support Coordinator curriculum is being created for pre-service training, and APD requested FCCF participation. Ten to twelve modules need review, and will be sent to FCCF, completed by 12/17. Pam London leads the advisory group.

AREA UPDATES:

- Patty Houghland said about half the Area 1 budget is spent on travel to FCCF meetings. They can only co-sponsor events because the funds after travel do not allow them to host independent events. Additional funds to assist with travel would be necessary at the beginning of fiscal year so Area 1 could plan travel and community activities in advance. Members discussed various scenarios. Stephanie Rogers will offer additional options at a later date, with the goal of equity for all Areas
- Area 8 discussed their provider resource fair in September, and read a letter from Kevin Lewis from LARC, regarding health care federal legislation.
- Area 10 members have attended a number of resource fairs. Gilda Pacheco invited Marty Norris to a school fundraiser where 70 students with special needs were models. They continue to make contacts in the community. Concerns were raised that after FTE money arrives at charter schools, students have returned to their original public school with funds remaining at the charter school.
- Pauline Lipps from Suncoast East will attend the Florida Lifespan Respite Summit sponsored by the Respite Alliance on June 15.

- Danny Bayley and Howard Fetes of Area 7 will manage the signup sheet for CAFÉ.
- Area 4 had a “Connect the Dots” conference with 250 attendees. Picasso-Einstein spoke about self-employment microbusinesses. Margie Garlin and Mary Ellen Ottman attended. A keynote and breakout sessions were held on a Thursday, from 8:30 to 1:30. Food trucks were available for lunch purchases, with donated art as speaker gifts.
- Margie Garlin of Area 3 said they co-sponsored law enforcement training, with 35-40 attendees. They offered to present this program during the 2018 “Connect the Dots”.
- Diane Ciccarelli from Area 15 related how the self-advocate SUFI group worked with ARC of Martin County to grow fresh fruit and vegetables, and are spreading the project to group homes. Tony Mancuso attended a transition fair in Fort Pierce, with Social Security, Indian River school district and others represented. FCC 15 passed out brochures regarding the Able Trust. They are working with ARC of IRC and the school district to have graduating students tour the ARC, with at least 4 planned tours next year. ARC embraced 10 corrective actions suggested by FCC to use during student incidents.
- Paula James of Suncoast West remains concerned about Baker Act statistics. Some Targeted case management FACT teams are available, but have waitlists.
- Stephanie Rogers of APD said the “Florida Navigator” is now available online. She will email members with the link to get feedback. Similar to the Resource Directory, the Navigator, however, is exclusively Florida services, with focus on developmental disabilities. A database of services is broken into age groups. Families can see what state programs are available now and in the future. Both mechanisms are available to support families. She also identified June 15 as the deadline for purchasing orders. All travel paperwork must be in by June 30. Also discussed was the hotel/conference room rental rate contract for the next two years.
- Patty Houghland said Area 1 will co-sponsor with Arc of Florida speaker/attorney Jonathan Martinis of supporteddecisionmaking.org to train self-advocates, parents, APD, VR and others at the Pensacola civic center. She suggested using the language “support” of individuals to imply ability, rather than “taking care of” or “serving” them.

CITIZENS TIME:

One caller participated during the 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Citizen Time for comment.

- Lisa Miller called to report her request to Robert Brown from APD legislative affairs office for information regarding unspent appropriations during a fiscal year. He will relay the question of who, why and how funding is returned to the State to the APD administrative staff.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Wingate, FCCF Secretary

FCCF WILL NEXT MEET JULY 14-15, 2017

