

FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA
September 13, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: QUORUM PRESENT

COUNCILS: Dina Justice-Area 1, Patty Houghland-Area 1, Margie Garlin-Area 3, Denise Torres-Area 4, Paula James-Area 5, Pauline Lipps-Area 6, Jean Malacko-Area 9, Marty Norris-Area 10, Karla Herrera-Area 11, Charlene Greene-Area 12, Karen Huscher-Area 13, Laura Tacinelli-Area 14

COUNCILS ABSENT: Area 2, Area 7, Area 8, Area 15

APD STAFF- Director Barbara Palmer, David Dobbs, Clarence Lewis, Lorena Fulcher, Tom Rice, Melanie Etters, State Liason Stephanie Rogers

GUESTS: Alan Abramowitz, Ruth Wingate, Yolanda Herrera, Karen Flowers, Marla Popkin, Rachel Phillips

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 3:06pm.

MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL: see motions below

MOTIONS: A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept the agenda, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept 7/16/21 minutes with correction, seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was called forth by Patricia Oglesby to accept 7/17/21 minutes, seconded. Motion passed.

BUDGET REPORT/REVIEW:

Treasurer's report was accepted as stated.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Continue to send photos to Dina of local councils activities for social media and marketing. Remember to have proper release consents.
2. Committees should meet and if needed, prepare report for upcoming November 2021 FCCF meeting.

3. Developmental Disabilities Day is January or February 2022. Discuss with local councils and how will participate virtually if that is decision of FDDC.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Dina Justice updated the Council on the recent Qlarant meeting. Discussion of SB82 effective 7/1/21, administrative standards and training, staff shortages and coordinating with ACHA. As they are quality assurance, Qlarant has no answers or solutions in reference to shortages even effecting quality.

APD Executive Director Barbara Palmer, Chief of Staff David Dobbs and staff (as noted above) presented APD updates. Continued discussion on SB 82 as law 7/1/2021 continuing implementation. Presented progress report on conversations with CMS and ACHA in reference to the additional monies from the federal government though CMS is dragging their feet. Ms Palmer stated top priority is getting monies directly to providers, and spending it on direct support personnel in form of possible bonuses. Legislators are looking at how to get to minimum living wage. There is a study going on by Mailman to report on what rates should be. Discussed rates and representative being paid in reference to CDC+. Short discussion on 12% admin fee taken off CDC+ budget. Director Palmer stated it is to cover administrative service, sick of talking about it, end of conversation. Further discussion if surveys to providers are needed, was stated no, Mailman study and surveys by ARC and FARF have looked at that info, legislators to use that information. Director Palmer would like to see career path for individuals, votechs could provide lots of opportunities. Need to relook at rates, have so many rates, give discretion to providers, look at solutions. Answer how we are doing services and rates.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 5:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Huscher
FCCF Secretary

FAMILY CARE COUNCIL FLORIDA
September 14, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: QUORUM PRESENT

COUNCILS: Dina Justice-Area 1, Patty Houghland-Area 1, Denise Torres-Area 4, Paula James-Area 5, Pauline Lipps-Area 6, Susan Anderson Moore-Area 7, Jean Malacko-Area 9, Marty Norris-Area 10, Karla Herrera-Area 11, Charlene Green-Area 12, Karen Huscher-Area 13, Laura Tacinelli-Area 14

COUNCILS ABSENT: Area 2, Area 3, Area 8, Area 15

APD STAFF: Director Barbara Palmer, David Dobbs, Clarence Lewis, Jeannette Estes, Lynne Daw, Melanie Ethers, Lorena Fulcher, Tom Rice, State Liason Stephanie Rogers

GUESTS: Alan Abramowitz- CEO, ARC of FL, Valerie Breen-Executive Director FDDC, Jennifer Willis-Care Connect, Ruth Wingate, Yolanda Herrera

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dina Justice called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

MOTIONS: A motion was called forth by Paula James to accept the agenda as presented, seconded, motion passed.

AREA UPDATES: See separate list in Dropbox for this month's Area updates.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Request the sending of pictures of local councils activities to Dina Justice to update brochures and social media by 10/1/21.
2. Committees to meet if necessary and present reports at November 2021 meeting.

SPEAKERS:

Lynne Daw, Chief of Provider Supports-APD, presented on the Role and Responsibilities of the Waiver Support Coordinators. Provided PowerPoint

for Council to follow. Discussion on Qualified Organizations, new concept of mentoring, available to WSCs and CDC+ consultants. Spoke on and answered questions, concerns in reference to qualifications, standard case load, dual employment, expansion of services and vacancies & leaves. Provided support coordination description. Promote health, safety, and welfare including dignity, privacy and respect. (See PowerPoint) also touched on Scorecard.

Alan Abramowitz-CEO ARC of FL, brought the council up to date on his 1st 3 months and 14 days in this new position. Gave the Council his background from starting from his early years up to the present. Spoke on priorities now for ARC. Legislative platform focused on DSP rate increase, how much is needed, how much is in the budget. Need to speak with one voice, all saying the same message. Also focusing on supported decision making, criminal justice bills, training for law enforcement, Chapter 393 and Better Care Better Jobs Act. Need options, everyone's situation is unique. Waiting for Mailman report. The ARC, FARF & FCCF are building consortium. People are dedicated but need path to support their families, pay is critical.

Valerie Breen- Executive Director FDDC, spoke on what is on radar of FDDC. Very similar to what Alan spoke about, especially DSP rates. Stated system is collapsing. Council is putting out campaign message, heart in hand, remember us we deserve to be included. Because of the COVID-19 variant it is looking like Developmental Disabilities day will be virtual. Even though we know more impactful in person. Whatever messages created on social media can be shared with other groups or Councils. Zoom meeting with legislators can work. Discussion on 5 year plan, 700 pages translated into 300 page Federal report. Five areas to focus on in 5 year state plan, difficult to decide priorities. Areas are- access to services, home and community based delivery systems, aging caregivers, self-advocacy leadership and broad systems change/emerging needs. (See report on website).

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Committee Update:

Community Outreach:

Had brainstorming meeting, how to put out the word. Had discussed the Summit which is now going to be in the Spring of 2022. More outreach for self-advocates. Discussion on Family Café, proposals due 1/7/22. Is earlier next year, May 27-29. Need to reserve booth. Will present proposal to Council at 11/21 meeting. Ideas discussed about growing councils. Need game plan for next year. If DD day is virtual, we need to do zoom meetings with legislators. Problem being seen across state, people want to become voting members immediately do not realize Governor needs to appoint.

Marketing-did not meet though Dina requested again photos by 10/1/21 for legislators and social media.

CITIZEN TIME:

Jennifer Willis of Care Connect out of Flagler county presented on her company. She is the program coordinator. Explained the basis for how came to be, brings assistance to all people in need. Is part of BRAVE program. Website is careconnectplus.com
No one is turned away. Dina will send information to Jennifer about FCC & FCCF. Jennifer's email address is Jennifer.Willis@flaglerhealth.org

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dina Justice adjourned meeting at 3:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Huscher
FCCF Secretary