

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL  
APD AREA 13  
APRIL 13, 2010**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS:** Betty Kay Clements, Tina Renwick, Sandy Dayton, Sandy Shorey, Eileen Reidy, Karen Huscher, Jennifer Knowles, Phyllis Novak,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Payne, Anna Brynild, Caryn Jones, Norman Price, Isabel S deMartinez,

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Stephanie Hopper, Eva Knowles, Don Taylor, Virginia Taylor,  
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**APD STAFF:** Brenda Stevens, David Johnston

**VISITORS:** Dale Couch, parent, Sheila Edwards, provider, Max Presley, provider

In the absence of the Chair, and Vice Chair, Secretary Betty Kay Clements welcomed everyone. She stressed to members to be sure and sign in to show that you have attended the meeting. It will be important for re-applying for appointment to the Governor. David said that is validation for travel expenses as well.

**MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL:**

Betty Kay asked for a motion to approve March minutes. Jennifer Knowles pointed out that she and Eva Knowles did not attend the meeting. It was noted. Eileen Reidy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Jennifer Knowles. Minutes approved by consensus.

**BUDGET REPORT/BUDGET REVIEW:**

Betty Kay reported in absence of Treasurer Norm Price that the financial from the Tally report shows a balance of 6, 130, with encumbrance of \$250 for Forum Hotel bill, that show appx. \$5, 880 balance. So that means that Funds for next waitlist meeting, as needed, is available based on approval by members. Also, Café decisions may be made and presented for consideration. It is believed that the handling of vouchers can be done as certified forwards to the Tally office, but will need timely action. That means that travel and expenses need to be determined for those being sponsored, at the next meeting. Eileen suggested a FCC banner for Forums be considered. Betty Kay will check on costs and this will be revisited.

**AREA ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/UPDATE:**

David Johnston reported that Personal Care Assistant services go to the Medicaid State Plan effective July 1, for those under 21. They are working with AHCA, have a list of consumers and working with families, providers and WSC.

He reported that CDC+ is moving ahead with trainings. They have trained about 70 representatives and others are interested, so they will continue to work with them.

David spoke to the letter sent out by Carlton Palms (CP) to families regarding the cap on Tier one being discussed in the legislature. They have expressed that clients will have to move by July 1, 2010. There are appx 380 in tier one who exceed the cap. Discussion ensued, but it is considered an issue that may have to be dealt with, though final law change has not occurred at this time. David and staff are responding to parents, when they call with concerns.

Area APD Staff re-looking at tiers to ensure they have been applied according to Rule. Each Area Administrator has to look at and sign off on each assignment.

Eileen asked a rebasing question and David said they have been working with consumers/families and quite a few appeals have been withdrawn.

Phyllis asked about tiers assignment timeline and David indicated there is none at this time. They have about 180 to review and all of tier 4 may be next.

Stephanie spoke to issues with tier 4 and transitioning to ADT. She has spoken with families where ADT and Transportation leave the individual with no other supports. David said since that is a life change the WSC needs to follow up with paper work to see if a change is in order. He added that on Tuesday and Thursday each week, life changes or crisis are looked at by staff. Area can do a 30-day emergency decision and re-approve while waiting a final decision. He stressed the importance of the WSC telling the story and giving the full picture so they can make informed decisions. Stephanie is having Dennis Michon speak at the next FFRA meeting so that families can ask questions and get pertinent information needed.

Karen asked David about the new Delmarva Contract. She stated that Korey's provider was reviewed with the new process and if they were to do the documentation etc. that they were advised of, there would be no time for services. She was also concerned about their wanting to do a first person feedback with Korey that made no sense as to expecting him to voice his needs for the future. Karen was asked to send David an email and summary for follow up. She has the check off sheet. Provider was marked off for not having original FBI papers, that they do not receive in the first place she stated. David said that APD does the follow up and feedback will be important.

#### **FCCF REPORT:**

Betty Kay said that FCCF had a representative from Delmarva talk to the members and she indicated a lot of work is still going on "tweaking" the process. She also said that there was to be an IQC reorganization meeting scheduled for April 14-15, but no announcement made at this time. Many questions at this time are not answered.

Betty Kay reported that FCCF is watching and participating as much as possible with the legislature session. Much concern about managed care proposals that would change the DD system, APD etc. Knowing when to react to committee bills etc. is difficult. Betty Kay read a letter she has sent to House committee being read by a self advocate this morning to the House Committee at the Capitol, addressing concerns of managed care, supports for individuals with DD, questioning and advocating for consideration of iBudgets, and more.

Carlton Palms has been present at the committee meetings and very vocal on the capping of tier 1 she offered. She said that they appear very effective in their presentation. Visitor parent, Couch said that legislators need to visit there and see clients and families a year after they have been at Carlton Palms and view the success they have had.

There is continued follow up on iBudget's with Hilary Brazzell & APD conference calls. It was passed by legislative committees, but uncertain how it would fall into 5 levels of care etc. if managed care goes forward. There should be updates in the next few weeks

As session continues, if FCCF suggests phone calls or letters need to be sent Betty Kay will advise. She emphasized that it is difficult to follow the fine line some times between not antagonizing legislators, such as was shown with the teachers issues. It did not help with the legislators, they stayed firm.

#### AQL REPORT:

Brenda said that they are continuing to collect resources, website list etc. Looking for names of dentists and contacting them. Yard sale was held and has brought Lens group close to non-profit application. Hands on with employment one of the goals hoped for.

Brenda was contacted about this year's Census information, and handed a fact sheet out. There is a website, posters and they would like to get people interested in assisting with and encouraging people to complete the census form. APD sent out emails to WSC. Purpose is to get everyone counted. There was a question as to why there has been an emphasis on getting Gay or Disabled individuals enrolled, since there is nothing that identifies them as Gay or Disabled on the form. Consensus was that the emphasis really is that everyone be counted. There will be no identification, but it will make a difference in federal monies etc. to communities based on census.

#### DISCUSSION OF QUARTERLY WAITLIST/FAMILY FORUM:

There was consensus that the quarterly waitlist/family forum was most successful. There were at least 150-200 persons in attendance. David said he welcomed feedback and any suggestions. There were over 50 counted at the dance and only a few were brought in just for the dance. They all so enjoyed the prizes and the strobe lights and DJ. Karen said there was a lot of fun with the scrapbooking. Participants really enjoyed their projects.

David would like to do the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter waitlist meeting in June, either in Citrus or Lake. It was determined that it should be Lake County and it needs to be done in June, before the end of the fiscal year. Discussion as to how to get the people out as in Hernando and Marion. Café is the middle of June so that it was decided to do a Saturday, the first part of June. Betty Kay will check with Aaron and a dance will be considered. A decision to try for a site in Lake County in the Triangle area (Eustis, Mt. Dora, Tavares) was made.

#### CAFÉ DISCUSSION

With budget money available for CAFÉ, a decision has to be made as to who and how much will be considered. Travel, meals and \$113/night for hotel room are the components. It is held at Disney Coronado Springs. Discussion as to how to provide vouchers. Karen, Isabel,

and Caryn interested in attending. Jennifer may attend for one day. David and Betty Kay will check on how sponsoring amounts can be determined for voucher purposes. Travel can be estimated based on map questing, meals and hotel. It needs to be determined and voted on at the FCC meeting in May.

**VISITOR/MEMBERS INPUT:**

Visitor Couch asked about the figure of 354 on tier 1 referenced in material she has from the legislative plan. David said that would be the number of individuals exceeding the \$120,000. That is the number of clients that would be affected by the cap. Not all are at Carlton Palms, some may be medical, at home or a mix he said.

David was questioned as to whether tier 4 individuals would be revisited for assessment and he indicated it is a desk review that is being done. Phyllis stated that her daughter's QSI was so wrong, and Betty Kay indicated many believe this as well. There was discussion as to whether there is a design problem rather than an assessor issue. If facts are not captured David said he would like to be notified.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 12 noon. Next meeting scheduled for May 10, 2010 at the APD office from 10:00 am–12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kay Clements  
Area 13 FCC Secretary