

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL
APD AREA 13
MAY 9, 2011**

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Isabel S deMartinez, Betty Kay Clements, Michael Payne, Caryn Jones
Don Taylor, Shawn Mims, Karen Huscher,

MEMBERS ON PHONE: Anna Brynild

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tina Renwick, Caryn Jones, Sandy Dayton, Eileen Reidy, Sandy
Shorey, Phyllis Novak,

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Stephanie Hopper, Virginia Taylor, Caroline Short,

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APD STAFF: Brenda Stevens, Clarence Lewis

VISITORS: Grant Harris, Everett Short-family, John and Joan Verity-family, Scott Greiner-
Provider, Family-Jim, Diane and Joy Nolan-self advocate, Aaron Nangle on phone

MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL:

Review of April 11, 2011 minutes, with a motion to accept as written by Michael Payne,
seconded by Don Taylor . Minutes approved by consensus.

BUDGET REPORT/BUDGET REVIEW:

Area Administrator, Clarence Lewis, reported on the budget. Expenses YTD are \$5,543.08,
encumbered for computer \$927. 99, for a balance of 1,500.94 for projected expenses.

Discussion ensued regarding mailings and past sharing of postage for events with FCC and
APD Area office. To be discussed further, prior to next event. Cafe expenses discussed at
this time. State Support Coordinators to be asked for interested Waitlist individuals.

Amount decided upon for 3-5 families was \$300-350, depending on how many able to attend.
If unable to arrange this late, FCC members will work with State Coordinators and plan
earlier next year, no later than March, 2012. Backup plan for this year will be to send FCC
members interested, based on budget balance members agreed.

AREA ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/UPDATE:

Clarence reported that APD has a new Inspector General, Marvin Doyal. Asked if there have
been appeals of the 2.5 reduction in tier cap, Clarence said there are 25 hearing appeals in
Area 13 pending at present and are moving forward. All Cost plans remain frozen. Requests
for changes scrutinized with Area APD staff reviewing requests weekly. Four (4) have been
sent up to Central office for decision. Central office is looking at Intensive Behavior (IB) costs
across the State. Highest cost plans are at Carlton Palms, but most under \$200,000 Clarence
said. They have IB clients, 145 from State of Florida and 55 from other States. SunRiseArc
has 32 IB clients. Betty Kay mentioned that she was told that there is an IB client with a Cost
Plan close to \$500, 000, though not told where client lives.

Clarence reported that for clients under 21, PCA State Plan deadline is May 31, 2011. Letter from Acting Director Bryan Vaughan shared with attendees. It explains Host Homes that will be licensed by APD, with no waiver services, similar to 3 bed foster homes, consumer pays room and board rate with SSI-appx. \$543. An exception through a lawsuit, occurs when DCF removes child that is an APD consumer. A study group from APD is working on this concept currently, and plans to proceed as quickly as possible with alternatives. Host homes expected to help with waitlist individuals and "retired" consumers from ADT's etc. He also reported that 4 individuals and their families have started on the iBudget in Area 2 (Tallahassee Area).

FCCF REPORT and DISCUSSION:

Betty Kay reported that FCCF had a conference call with Bryan Vaughan. The challenge for APD, he reports, is that APD is mandated and will be reporting regularly on keeping the budget within target to prevent a deficit. This is a concern, because the promise to cover the full deficit did not occur, so APD starts the year with a projected deficit it must pull in. There is a concern about the IB costs and that is being looked at, as well as host homes mentioned earlier. There is a step down from an IB placement to another type of residence similar to a Therapeutic home and it would have some waiver services that would be less costly. He asked for ideas as to reductions as cost plans will be affected, since the 4% Provider rate reduction does not cover the projected deficit. Charles Ball, Budget Bureau Chief, will be attending the FCCF mtg. to discuss the budget with members. Discussion of natural supports had members telling how they already do as much of that as possible. A FCC member from Area 2 asked Bryan if he would let her take him out into the community and to various settings. He agreed to do this, and she will be reporting about the visit. It was stressed to him that it is important to keep individuals and families informed and part of workgroups etc. He agreed with members. He agreed to check with the legal department about having FCC members become HIPPA certified to assist with mailings, and have access to contact information of consumers/families that would remain confidential with member.

Betty Kay said that in the next couple of weeks Proviso language from the Legislative session will be out, and that will further define how changes may occur. Behavior Asst. cut did not occur that had been anticipated.

AMERICORP UPDATE:

Isabel reported on the upcoming EXPO event. She sent out 140 invitations to legislators etc. and received 1% response. There are 15 tables at this time, finger foods and fruit will be available. The Fashion show shaping up beautifully and the participants are excited and eagerly looking forward to it. Building Blocks did a great job in assisting them to shine. She did ask about mailings to waitlist individuals and it was unclear at this point. APD office to get back with her. Everyone encouraged to attend.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

Karen reported that she sent out to current officers and others for their interest in remaining in role or for nominations. Isabel S. deMartinez agreed to be on slate for Chair. For Vice Chair the only response was from Shawn Mims, who volunteered to be nominated for Vice Chair. Betty Kay declined to continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Since Secretary is not an officer in the Bylaws, someone might offer to do minutes. Karen said if no one offered, she would do minutes. She also reminded that a secretary can be hired. Karen requested members email her with nominations or desire to serve. Treasurer may be nominated from the floor at the next meeting if no interest is shown. Officers will be elected at June meeting.

WAITLIST & FCC FORUM: Karen requested that review of April Forum be addressed at the June meeting, to allow time for discussion, due to length of current meeting.

MEMBERS/VISITOR INPUT:

Consumer in supported living attended meeting with parents to bring attention to a concern that she has had. Recent and proposed reductions/cuts of concern, but issue around paperwork and the stipend category for rent is creating a real problem. They will meet with Clarence after this meeting, for details to research problem. Key to this issue appears to be that the consumer does not receive all of the information before and after paperwork is submitted though she does sign it. Concern that she does not receive a thorough explanation in order to understand fully. She was assured that this is her right as a competent adult. Parents are supportive.

Isabel made sure that all had seen the banner that Aaron Nangle donated to Area 13 FCC. He was thanked by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm. The next FCC meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2011 at the APD office from 10:00 am–12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kay Clements
Area 13 FCC Secretary

Area 13 FCC Mission:

To Promote the Welfare & Dignity of the
Individual with a Developmental Disability,
Allowing Each Person to Achieve
His/Her Full Potential, while Preserving the
Family's Ability to Function As A Unit