

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL
APD AREA 13
JUNE 8, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Isabel S deMartinez, Betty Kay Clements, Eileen Reidy, Caryn Jones, Sandy Dayton, Sandy Shorey, Norman Price, Tina Renwick, Michael Payne

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phyllis Novak, Anna Brynild, Jennifer Knowles,

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Karen Huscher, Stephanie Hopper,

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APD STAFF: Brenda Stevens, David Johnson

VISITORS: Korey Huscher

Quorum Present

Meeting called to order at 10 AM by Chairperson Isabel. She welcomed everyone and asked for reports from those who had attended CAFÉ. It was noted that there was a smaller attendance than previous years. Karen Huscher, Sandy Dayton and Caryn Jones all attended the full session and reported that the sessions were excellent. It was the first time that Caryn had experienced such a program and believed it was an extraordinary opportunity. Karen noted that with a lower budget this year, Disney had made a lot of contributions that made it a great experience for families. She also noted that there seemed to be a lot of younger families there who were exposed to the many resources they may now or in the future need.

MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL:

Chair Isabel asked for a review of the meeting minutes for last month. Eileen made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Sandy Shorey. Motion Approved by consensus.

BUDGET REPORT/BUDGET REVIEW:

Norm reported that there is now even less of a difference in the report from APD and his figures. The balance reported is \$4,144.86 versus the States balance of \$4,148.21, a difference of \$3.35. He has received two-purchase requisitions from Hal totaling \$1,402.39, which is under admin. supplies for June even though they do not show up on the States total yet. There are other outstanding purchases and CAFÉ costs.

AREA ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/UPDATE:

There was a discussion about services for transitions students who choose to attend an ADT prior to their 22 birthdays, and who have graduated. Stephanie is aware of a student she worked with who was told that the student would have to remain at school until his 22nd

birthday in March, because waiver funds would not be released for ADT until then. Stephanie said that this has not been the experience they have had at Crest with these students in the past. David did say that this has been the policy for some time. Betty Kay had asked around about this question and was told the same thing, though graduation was not mentioned. She was told that APD could be paid for by the school system until he was 22 and no longer eligible for school benefits. Stephanie said they are looking into this and asked David to get names for them to talk to. He will communicate this to Stephanie.

David reported that the CDC+ program will be opening for 2500 waiver recipients soon. Area 13 will have appx. 150-200 slots. There will be more details coming out on this soon. He reported that APD is looking at a Central record for each individual that will be electronically available and should be a benefit to providers. It will be a database, support plans, progress notes, incident reports etc. This will be discussed at the WSC meeting on June 17 at the Community Center in Wildwood. He discussed the workgroup that has been working on the flexible benefit that is in legislation. It will have a variety of services that can be selected and then flexed as needed. For instance, from ADT to respite could be done with just notification to WSC, but without PSA delays. There would be an 8% deduction similar to CDC+, with the potential for savings to assist the waitlist. Details are being worked out and they will soon be seeking input from providers and families before it is rolled out. Betty Kay is also on that working group and indicated it has been very intense.

David said there is also a working group on redesigning Supported Living. This is also a very in depth work to make it meet the individuals needs. They are looking at creative ways to improve this program.

Norm asked a question about waitlist questions he receives and who to advise people to contact. David said it would be best to contact Clarence Lewis, the State SC supervisor to coordinate that information.

David told of the Florida Dept. of Health Emergency Notification System (FDENS). He said it is in its infancy now, but soon will be able to be used for getting messages out to families on other than emergency issues. It would help for contacting those on the waitlist and those on the waiver with other information, such as forums etc. At this point they are in the process of testing it for hurricanes and storms. Members were excited to hear about this and are anxious to learn more about it.

AQL/LENS PROGRAM REPORT:

Brenda reported that the Lens exercise was successful above expectations. Participants became so motivated that a group is forming a non-profit 501c3 organization and will be meeting on June 17th for future planning and development. Isabel participated and said it was an amazing experience, very intense and very productive. An electronic resource manual will be developed and kept updated. Brenda handed out a draft of a community event scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009 at Millennium Park in Wildwood. It is called an

Umbrella for Opportunity and for additional information Gwen Brown can be contacted at 352-461-4648. This is a free event. A final flyer will be coming out soon.

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION:

Members are to visit their legislators and those running for office this summer. Eileen suggested a meeting be held and invitations be sent to legislators and their Aides. Discussion ensued and a decision to have a meeting in September was decided upon. Isabel will follow up with Brenda on securing a larger room or facility for this meeting. Eileen also suggested families be invited and it was noted that the Area office will need a heads up to get the mailing labels etc ready for both that meeting and the Hernando Forum.

REPORT ON FCC/FCCF:

Betty Kay brought up the legislative committee that FCCF has put together and is actively working on in order to assist FCC's and provide direction so that there is continuity in the message. Anna Brynild is on that committee from Area 13 FCC and Betty Kay sits on it as FCCF Chairperson. Information is forthcoming, but that does not interfere with the individual interactions with legislators.

Handouts of the SB 1660 with the waitlist prioritization and the waitlist maintenance procedure that Area 12 FCC has worked on and is requesting comments, additions, and it is requested that FCC's vote on to support at the FCCF level. The waitlist prioritization brought several comments and concerns. Betty Kay asked members to get with Sandy Dayton about their concerns and comments, as she will be representing Area 13 at the FCCF meeting on July 17, and July 18. Neither Betty Kay nor Isabel will be attending so Betty Kay will get with Sandy on the details needed for that meeting.

Betty Kay also handed out information on Individual Budgeting. This is a longer range plan, but one that is seen as being what is hoped for the future. It will be designed with as much flexibility as possible for individuals to manage their own budget. Details on how the budget will be determined are being studied. Questions and comments are to go to Hilary Brazzell. This is not the same as the newly legislated flexible benefit, or CDC+ and is not to be confused with either of them.

MEMBER DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Caryn handed out information that she received at CAFÉ on the National Organization to end the wait list (NOEWAIT). There is a petition available on line at: www.Noewait.net She also had information on FDLRS University Centers.

No decisions have been made at this point on the Hernando Forum. Isabel will contact Linda Travis. She is thought to have knowledge of that area regarding sites etc., as she works in that County regularly.

VISITOR/CITIZENS INPUT:

No comments or questions

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 11: 45 am. Next meeting July 13, 2009 at the APD office from 10:00 am–12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Betty Kay Clements
Area 13 FCC Secretary**