

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL
APD AREA 13
JUNE 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Isabel S deMartinez, Betty Kay Clements, Michael Payne, Don Taylor, Sandy Dayton, Eileen Reidy, Sandy Shorey, Phyllis Novak,
MEMBERS ON PHONE: Anna Brynild
MEMBERS ABSENT: Tina Renwick, Karen Huscher, Caryn Jones, Shawn Mims
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Stephanie Hopper, Virginia Taylor, Caroline Short,
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APD STAFF: Brenda Stevens, Clarence Lewis
VISITORS: Everett Short-family, John and Joan Verity-family, Aaron Nangle on phone
Terri Cooper SEDNET, Janeen Defilippo HCSB Hernando

MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL:

Review of May 9, 2011 minutes, with a motion to accept as written by Michael Payne, seconded by Sandy Shorey. Minutes approved by consensus.

BUDGET REPORT/BUDGET REVIEW:

Area Administrator, Clarence Lewis, reported on the budget. Printer will be purchased next year, but computer is in. Expenses YTD are \$6,142.55, encumbered for computer \$927.99, for a balance of 1,929.46 for projected expenses. Members were advised that Area office double billed FCC for postage that will be replaced with postage in new budget year. All of Area FCC budget has been spent or encumbered for this year.

AREA ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/UPDATE:

Clarence reported that Area office work is all about the budget/cost plans. He related the AHCA public meetings that were shared on line are going forward. The Area 13 Med Waiver team, led by Wayne Perry, are working on the 4% reductions for providers, and is achieved through the cost plans. He stated that even with the 4%, there is at least a deficit of \$80 million that still must be dealt with. The Acting Director wants to hear from the public on ideas and Clarence encouraged the members to participate. He circulated the new rates that are effective as of July 1, 2011.

Asked about the number of adults on the waitlist, Clarence said he will run a report. He shared that difficulties updating demographics etc. have various issues that occur. It was stressed to him that having the statistics of the waitlist assist members visiting legislators. He stated that it is unknown how much General Revenue (GR) will be available this year for one time assists for the waitlist families. This is due to the projected \$80+ million deficit. GR has

been important to waitlist individuals. Failure to cover deficit as promised by legislators magnified the needs for Waiver cuts to services and assist to waitlist individuals.

Clarence announced he will be at the office for the call with FCC's and Dr. Dave Robinson on the 21st from 5-7 pm. The time may change to 7-9 PM, so all will be advised. FCC members are requested to be at the office for this call, due to limited phone lines for the Webinar planned. The intent of the call is to let families know of WSC responsibility changes put into statute this year. They now have more fiscal responsibility in working with families. The call will also discuss family suggestions for service reductions, that will be necessary soon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following votes were taken and officers elected based on Nominations from the Committee. There were no nominations from the floor.

SLATE OF NOMINEES:

Chairperson: Isabel S deMartinez was elected by consensus

Vice-Chairperson: Sandy Dayton elected by consensus

Treasurer: Betty Kay Clements elected by consensus.

Secretary is not an elected office, and had been hired at one time. Betty Kay asked for consideration of someone else to do the minutes this year. Decision to be taken up at a later time.

FCCF REPORT and DISCUSSION:

New personnel at the Governor's appointment office are beginning to go through the appointments and have made contact with APD and FCCF. Quality Council is working on streamlining paperwork for Providers and WSC. Betty Kay is the only family member at this time on the Council, but APD is being asked to reconsider the makeup of the Council. More family members and Individuals with a developmental disability are needed. Family oversight is important to discern quality.

Betty Kay reported that she has been asked to serve on a small work group with the APD/Governor's office, on fiscal and operational efficiencies. It will address keeping APD in line with budget allotment in other ways than service cuts, though those will be discussed as well at some point. A staff representative, of the legislature on the committee, has stressed that they do want APD to succeed, and that means meeting statutory guidelines passed this year.

iBudget handbook and rule promulgation is going forward and more will be heard soon on rolling out of the iBudget to individuals/families. She also stated she has learned that APD is in the process of having name pins made up for each of the appointed members. It has Governor's logo, State logo, FCC logo, and the name of member with initial date of appointment. She said it is very attractive and official looking.

It may happen that both Betty Kay and Isabel will be unavailable for the FCCF meeting in July. In that case, if someone would volunteer to represent Area 13, they can let Isabel know so that authorizations to travel and vouchers can be prepared.

WAITLIST & FCC FORUM:

Citrus County Forum review prepared by Karen Huscher, was read by Don Taylor. The main issue noted was notification of people. Report available upon request.

Isabel asked Clarence and members what they wanted to do next. It was agreed to return to Hernando for the next waitlist meeting. Questions were asked and responses as to what these waitlist/ forums accomplish. They are mandated for a quarterly Area outreach by APD. They are meant for reaching out to all on the list, to those who have not been reached, getting information out to all, updating their needs, steering to natural supports or even supports they might be able to afford and more. Networking with each other might assist helping each other with creativity. Social Security, Medicaid eligibility, guardianship, Transitioning, APD updating or enrollment, Vocational Rehabilitation and others are significant contributions to these individuals. Always more can be tried and needs to be.

Aaron Nangle stated that he would not be working on this Forum, as well as Betty Kay, who said she will do what she is asked to do, but would like a more passive role at this time. Isabel stated that it would be helpful for those that live in a particular County to take the lead. They know their community best and she encouraged their participation. Members and ADT staff said they would help in any way they can. Eileen agreed to take the lead with their active assist. After much discussion, it was decided to work towards October, 2011 in Hernando County. Eileen will be in communication with Isabel and others over the next couple of months.

MEMBERS/VISITOR INPUT:

There was a great deal of discussion as to how rate cuts will affect services, such as companion. Also discussed were the ramifications of individuals giving up service voluntarily. Concern that there would be no guarantee that it would end with that and more could be lost. One member stated that it was already questionable how ratio practices were being implemented by some providers. Clarence stressed that questions like these should be reported and they will be looked into.

The importance of collaboration and natural supports was emphasized by Stephanie Hopper. Reaching out to other Counties, Interagency Councils, Schools etc. assists in building a network for families to find supports they may need. She has started a Family support group for parents of those receiving services at the Key in Citrus County.

Isabel brought up for discussion, fundraising that FCC could use to assist individuals on the waitlist. This could be realized through the FCCF affiliated non profit group. This would assist some independence and rules that affect use of FCC funds from the State. It was decided to table this to a future time.

Caroline Short stated that learning about issues through FCC and Going to Cafe has assisted her to speak up. She reported on how much she had learned at the Family Cafe and it has increased her enthusiasm to get Sumter County families involved.

Isabel had visitors introduce themselves: Terri Cooper of SEDNET, (multiagency Network for Severely Emotionally Disturbed/Behaviors) spoke and she represents 5 counties of Area 13. Concentrating on transitioning, ages 14-22, finding them supports in the community. She said there is an Interagency for Students. She distributed her business cards to the group. Janeen Defilippo stated she is the Hernando County School, parent liaison. She was recently appointed Coordinator of the Interagency for Students, made of up 20-30 active agencies in the communities, for students/families transitioning.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. Isabel announced there would be a vacation break for July, with no formal meeting. The next FCC meeting is scheduled for August 8, 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**