

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL
APD AREA 13
AUGUST 9, 2010**

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Betty Kay Clements, Isabel S deMartinez, Sandy Dayton, Sandy Shorey, Eileen Reidy, Phyllis Novak, Michael Payne, Don Taylor,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Huscher, Tina Renwick, Caryn Jones, Anna Brynild,

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Stephanie Hopper, Virginia Taylor,

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APD STAFF: Brenda Stevens, Clarence Lewis, Diane Comella, Carmelo P. Abisso

VISITORS: Shawn Mims- self advocate, Tiffany Mims, Aaron Nangle, Joan and John Verity-parents,

Meeting called to order at 10 AM by Chairperson Isabel S deMartinez.

MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL:

Review of June minutes, with a motion to accept as written by Sandy Dayton, seconded by Michael Payne. Minutes approved by consensus.

BUDGET REPORT/BUDGET REVIEW:

New Area 13 Budget Specialist Carmelo (Paul) Abisso was introduced. He gave an overview of the 2009-10 budget activity. \$7,069.46 total spent for 2009-2010. He spoke to the understanding that an error occurred that removed money in the last quarter and may have affected the spending, leaving a balance. Betty Kay reported that Jenny Hart APD Central Office has been assigned as a contact person for FCC financial information. This will facilitate purchasing, travel etc. Procedures, reports etc. will be forthcoming. With no meeting in July, nothing to report but budget needs to be put together and voted on. Expenditures discussed earlier will be included in the budget.

AREA ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/UPDATE:

Clarence Lewis, the new Area Administrator for Area 13 spoke to the group. As the former Supervisor of the Waitlist Coordination he is familiar with the FCC. The members congratulated him and look forward to working with him. Clarence thanked the members for their advocacy and offered his assistance at any time. As far as budget for FCC they are coming out with operating procedures that will ensure purchases such as computers can be done across the state, as stated earlier.

Clarence stated his focus will be accountability of staff for customer service, and ensuring that the funding structure is maintained by monitoring things such as the WSC work, and other avenues. He noted that parents have indicated to him that they are not always sure they are getting services they should be receiving.

Following up on areas covered by David Johnson with the FCC earlier, he stated that cost plans are being reviewed and tier reconsiderations are being worked on. Sherri Goodman and Cabot McBride were sent to Tally for training to represent Area 13 office during hearings when an individual/family does not have an attorney. This is to level the playing field. If family has an attorney APD will also have one.

Discussion of costs for Guardianship brought recommendations to contact the Advocacy Center and Florida Legal Association to assist families in getting affordable representation if necessary.

Asked about the status of the tier appeals, Clarence said that many have been worked out and there is an ongoing effort to negotiate with no need for appeal.

FCCF REPORT:

Isabel spoke to the importance of supporting the legislative initiatives this year in face of the managed care threat for the DD population. Isabel made a motion to send an additional \$500.00 to FCCF for assisting the FCCF budget. Michael Payne seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

Isabel passed out a questionnaire put together by ARC and FCCF and sent to candidates for office this year. There has been a good response up to now. She prompted members to make use of these questions with visits or calls to candidates and legislators ASAP.

Isabel recommended members attend FCCF meeting when possible. The Taylors will consider attending the September meeting.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE/ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Eileen presented the nomination slate and asked for nominations from the floor. Having no nominations from the floor the following slate was voted on:

Isabel deMartinez-Chair

Sandy Dayton-Vice Chair

Betty Kay Clements-Treasurer/Secretary

Motion to accept slate as presented was made by Phyllis and slate was passed by consensus.

DISCUSSION OF QUARTERLY WAITLIST/FAMILY FORUM:

Planning session covered location and other components at length. There is a site possibility

at Legacy Church at Lake Square Mall. Suggested date of Oct. 23, 2010 and possible programs and presenters discussed. Joyce Leonard APD visited the site and told of the layout and accessibility.

Aaron will check out the site and Betty Kay will assist with speakers with APD recommendations. Flyer mailing, electronic announcements to be followed up on. Isabel suggested a possible fashion show with help of local shops. Clarence was asked to be sure that waitlist addresses will be ready for mailing.

MEMBERS/VISITORS INPUT:

Shawn Mims self advocate attended the meeting and expressed interest in becoming a member of the Area 13 FCC. He was recommended for FCC application for Governor appointment. A Motion to accept application made by Betty Kay, seconded by Eileen and approved by consensus.

Betty Kay discussed a Program in Clearwater on managed care that has been put together swiftly and has several States attending to discuss their programs. It is at the end of the month. She asked members to consider sponsoring her to attend and cover expenses which may be over \$500. This is deemed important with the Legislators message from last year that no carve outs will be considered with managed care. It is important to learn as much as possible how DD and managed care come together. Learning how supports for DD work in a medical model is imperative. Motion made by Isabel for Betty Kay to attend and Eileen seconded, with passage by consensus

Betty Kay will be attending an iBudget meeting in Tally that will be covered by FCCF. The iBudget Florida being passed by legislators is significant to possibility of showing it can achieve outcomes without going to managed care she stressed.

Isabel announced that a guest speaker on guardianship and trusts will present at next meeting. Clarence and Brenda will check on room availability.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. The next FCC meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2010 at the APD office from 10:00 am–12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kay Clements
Area 13 FCC Secretary