

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL
APD AREA 13
September 14, 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS: Isabel S deMartinez, Betty Kay Clements, Eileen Reidy, Caryn Jones, Sandy Dayton, Sandy Shorey, , Michael Payne, Anna Brynild(phone), Karen Huscher, Jennifer Knowles, Phyllis Novak, Tina Renwick,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Norman Price

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Stephanie Hopper, Eva Knowles

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APD STAFF: Brenda Stevens, David Johnston

VISITORS: Linda Travis- WSC,

Quorum Present

Meeting called to order at 10 AM by Chairperson Isabel.

MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL: Chair Isabel asked for a review of the meeting minutes for last month. Michael made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jennifer. Motion Approved by consensus.

BUDGET REPORT/BUDGET REVIEW: Betty Kay reported in the absence of Norm that the financials are not available as yet. They should be available this month. She stated that the budget will need to be passed for sending to Tally at the next meeting. Linda Travis asked if the FCC was non-profit, as there are grants available she suggested. Betty Kay explained that FCC would need bank account, possible 501c3 status. There would need to be a businessperson or someone willing to take the work on that would be necessary. At this time that element is missing, but should be considered. The FCCF does have ability for a non-profit status but has yet to be fully functioning. FCC's had requested having FCC funds administered through that mechanism and APD has declined the request at this time.

AREA ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/UPDATE: David Johnston stated that the CDC+ enrollment plan is moving forward to sign up 2500 this fiscal year. Rule is being noticed and letters will be going out to the 20,000 eligible. There will be a randomized selection process. He stated that the community meetings are going well. Ocala meeting was well attended and others around the state are to continue. Tier assignments challenge ongoing, with APD filing for rehearing as well as motion filed to take to Supreme Court. Law regarding Tiers is still in place, he reminded all. Rule to implement struck down so that is on hold for now.

David reported on positive meetings with VR. There is a renewed interest in the DD population and the Director of VR and APD are working closely on this matter. Potential for provider hold up due to 501c3 status. David will bring it up at Area and District level as APD needs providers who aren't 501c3-cannot reach as many people. Linda asked what is motivating VR and David said the order of Selection and the stimulus money from the

government. This initiative has a high level of importance and is being monitored weekly on progress. Sandy Shorey asked if go back to school will VR help. David will ask VR

State SC's assigned to make personal contact to all on waitlist identified as wanting a job age 22. Discussion of transportation as a challenge to these goals.

Asked about the move toward closing out SE on those considered to reach stability, David said each case will be looked at closely and mutual agreement if it needs to be done. He asked that members let him know of any concerns. Karen asked what happens when stimulus goes away. David said that is a valid question; though answer unknown, uncharted territory.

Stephanie stated that the Interagency Council meeting is Sept. 22 at Crest School and Don Roberge from VR will be speaking. Betty Kay is scheduled as well.

David said that the intent to negotiate for a QA contract is moving forward. The content of the contract is very different from current one with Delmarva. Even if Delmarva were to get this contract, it will differ in implementation. It is very consumer focused, starts with individual not provider. Delmarva current contract extended in increments while this is going forward.

AQL/LENS PROGRAM REPORT: Brenda reported on progress of planning a Forum by the Umbrella for Opportunity (UFO) group. They are going through the process of incorporating. She also reported that the Advocacy group of Equalizers for Ability Rights and Self Advocacy, (EARS), was cancelled due to illness of facilitator. It will be rescheduled soon she said. Shawn Mims is spearheading this effort for Marion County. It is hoped that other Counties will follow with groups.

REPORT ON FCCF: Betty Kay spoke to the project that Woodbury has offered to FCC's to provide free incontinent products to 50 waitlist individuals from each Area FCC. There will be a total of 100 individuals/families/month receive products directly from Woodbury. 2 FCC's/month will be assigned this opportunity, till all 15 FCC's have participated. There will be a 1-800# set up by Woodbury for individual/family to communicate directly with them for the supply that they need. FCCF Chair and Vice Chair working on the first month as a pilot in Area 13 and Area 3. Betty Kay will work with David Johnston and Clarence Lewis, as FCC cannot have access to names, contact information. Therefore, GR Support Coordinators will be working with FCC on this project.

Betty Kay related that FCCF is working on the budget for this year. Each FCC gives \$500.00 at the beginning of the fiscal year for a budget of \$7500 for FCCF to start the year with. An initial budget projection indicates that a minimum of \$15,000 is needed to cover expenses based on past activity. A contract change in hotel has been made that will be more cost effective starting in January and assists in planning for the current 6 scheduled meetings. It is imperative that a high profile at the legislature advocating for issues such as the waitlist and ensuring the integrity of the DD system of services and supports continues, she said.

Working with stakeholders and participating on workgroups that address issues for DD is also a goal of FCCF. Therefore, FCC Chairs are once again asking their FCC to look at their budget and if possible transfer any amount they can. Isabel spoke up and requested members to consider such a request today if possible. Eileen made a motion to contribute an additional \$500 to FCCF. Jennifer seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus. Isabel said the transfer would be requested.

Betty Kay stated each FCC was sent a person centered planning book that should be signed out and read by each person as all APD initiatives will be containing that reference.

MEMBER DISCUSSION/ACTION: A copy of the power point of last years Action Plan was distributed. It was discussed and decided to work on updating the Action/Support plan from 2008-9, for the 09-10 year. As much work as possible will be accomplished by “Go to Meeting” etc. in order to take up less time at the monthly meeting. The power point will be sent out for all to look at, make comments, suggest changes etc. Linda Travis agreed to assist again this year.

HERNANDO FORUM: Isabel said Forum is on schedule. She sent legislators invitation, she did get some regrets already. The flyer has been sent out to waitlist individuals and Aaron Nangle has sent electronically to individuals, families, providers etc. Eileen will get article in paper. Betty Kay will make member labels to put on brochures and then follow up with business cards for handing out at forums, to legislators etc. Discussion of final preparations, making sure all details are covered. Isabel will follow up with Aaron on details related to building access times, etc. Betty Kay to follow up on speakers schedules. Brenda and Linda will prepare a checklist.

VISITOR/MEMBERS INPUT: None

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ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 11: 45 am by motion of Jennifer, seconded by Sandy Shorey. Next meeting October, 12, 2009 at the APD office from 10:00 am–12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kay Clements
Area 13 FCC Secretary