

**FAMILY CARE COUNCIL  
APD AREA 13  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS:** Betty Kay Clements, Isabel S deMartinez, Sandy Dayton, Sandy Shorey, Eileen Reidy, , Don Taylor, Tina Renwick,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen Huscher, Caryn Jones, Anna Brynild, Phyllis Novak, Michael Payne, all excused absences

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Virginia Taylor,

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

**VISITORS:** Shawn Mims- self advocate, Aaron Nangle, Joan Verity-parent, Grant Harris

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

**MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL:**

Review of August minutes, with a motion to accept as written by Eileen Reidy, seconded by Sandy Shorey. Minutes approved by consensus.

**BUDGET REPORT/BUDGET REVIEW:**

Paul reviewed the financial forms layout with members, as sent from Central office. YTD spent \$523.04. Betty Kay asked for other projected purchases to be sent to her for the FCC to consider at a future meeting.

**AREA ADMINISTRATOR REPORT/UPDATE:**

Clarence Lewis, Area Administrator reported with updates. Reconsideration of Tiers is ongoing. 29 appeals, 24 stressed want to move forward so will do so. 30 had a tier change and 2 withdrew their appeal. Within the last month Medicaid integrity has conducted surveys and with errors providers have a pre Medicaid pay plan. 3 large providers have found themselves in that position. There can be a problem if they had not set enough aside for payrolls. Once okayed there can still be a lag time, so he asked members to encourage providers to do their documentation and if MD asks for it, to respond immediately. A closing of a business by the provider creates serious issues for clients.

APD Americorp grant has been signed with APD. Area 13 is hiring 4 part time personnel to work with families on the waitlist 20 hours each. They will do phone and visit contacts to those on the waitlist. There are 1100 right now on the waitlist in Area 13. Clarence will break that info down by County for next meeting. Within next couple of weeks they will do interviews and get people on board. If members are aware of others who might be interested, please let him know. There is a monthly stipend of either \$550 or \$650 and at end of year an opportunity to receive 4600 tuition available. They have sent up applications from a few. 4 of 6 were disabled adults and 2 of six waiver clients. They will give info on services and one of the things being worked on is a resource building list for matching resources to individuals and families. He also believes that they may also identify crisis and be able to work with them sooner. There will now be communication on a regular basis with these individuals. A visitor

asked Clarence to have someone attend a meeting in Citrus Co. to talk about the waitlist. Citrus has about 200, he said. Discussion about existing resources such as bowling, etc. and getting activities started in the Counties occurred with members. Asked what AmeriCorp will bring besides training, Clarence said recruitment of volunteers is their expertise and APD can use this expertise to work with families on the waitlist in a productive way.

**FCCF REPORT:**

Betty Kay reported on the managed care seminar she attended. She has started sending out the scanned copies of the notebook that she presented at the meeting. She encouraged reviewing this material for questions that members raise that can be shared with Carol Gormley. Ms. Gormley is going to participate in the November FCCF meeting, either by phone or may actually attend. It will be important to ask questions related to the services for those with DD that are not medical in nature. She stressed that the iBudget is where the focus for our families should be as an alternative to being put into a managed care system. This actually has some elements of managed care, but without the overhead and monies that go to the HMO corporations. These issues will be the overriding issues of this legislative year and she stressed the need to visit legislators now to address the service needs of our individuals.

**DISCUSSION OF QUARTERLY WAITLIST/FAMILY FORUM:**

Isabel asked about loose ends for the Forum. Aaron will get the key the day before so he can set things up. He has spoken with the County office. Aaron spoke about the respite hours that Sandy recommended and he reported that other districts have providers that want to do the same in their Area. Flyers are being folded immediately after the meeting so they may be sent out this week.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Isabel reminded Members of the Lots of helping hands website: Lotsa Helping Hands <http://www.nfca.lotsahelpinghands.com> a good tool for waitlist families. Good information from the National Family Caregivers Assn. (NFCA) <http://www.thefamilycaregiver.org/> Isabel stated that Don Taylor is attending FCCF this month. Sandy Dayton scheduled to attend in November.

**VISITOR INPUT:**

No specific questions for members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Isabel closed with a quote she read at a church on the way to the meeting. " Lord, let me have work all of my life, and give me life till my work is done"

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am for a work session folding flyers for the upcoming Forum. The next FCC meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2010 at the APD office from 10:00am to 12:00noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kay Clements  
Area 13 FCC Secretary